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Faggots fall foul of US good taste watchdogs

THE Black Country dish of faggots was just too "offal" for Dudley Council's internet security system, which decreed it to be a "profanity".

The bizarre ruling came to light during an email exchange between former Dudley mayor, Councillor Mrs Pat Martin, and retired solicitor John Sanders over letters about food that he wrote to a national newspaper. he wrote to a national newspaper

ne wrote to a national newspaper.
The council's Sophos system intercepted a reply from Councillor Martin to 76-year-old Mr Sanders, of Wollaston Court, Stourbridge, and returned it because "it contains the following profanity: faggots".

Upbraided

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The original word was in a message to Councillor Martin from Mr Sanders, explaining that, over the years, he had various letters published about food, including his father's hot cross buns, his mother's faggots and Keith Boxley's pork pies. When she tried to reply, the message fell foul of the security system and she ended up having to text a message on her mobile phone. "Pat rang me indignantly to say that she had been upbraided by Sophos, who could not distinguish between my mother's Black Country delicacy, faggots, and Oscar Wilde's chums," Mr Sanders said.
Councillor Martin contacted the council's internet security team, who explained that Sophos was a US system and "faggot" was on its list of profane words.
The team surgeed to restore the good

profane words.
The team agreed to restore the good name of the Black Country speciality by removing it from the banned list.

Top brass gather to boost cancer cash

THE Phoenix West Midlands Brass Band is hosting a fundraiser in Cradley Heath to raise cash for cancer research.

The band will be performing at the Salvation Army, Meredith Street, on Saturday, February 26, from 7pm.
Organisers are hoping to collect £1,000 for the MJP cancer care trust, which will help assist in the research and production of new treatments.

Tickets are £6 and will be available on the door or by calling Margaret James, on 01384 568822.

Loaves theme for women's prayer day

Women's prayer day
A HALESOWEN church is hosting a
Women's World Day of Prayer event
next week. The service takes place at
United Church, on Hagley Road, from
2pm next Friday (March 4).
Services are being run across the
country at the same time, with this
year's theme, organised by a group of
woman from Chile, entitled How
Many Loaves Have You?



Fairytale princess for a day – April Perks, aged nine, with her best friend Saskia Baker, who shared in her special treat

A fairytale dream comes true for the plucky princess in pink

A PLUCKY youngster in Kingswinford became a princess for a day, courtesy of Russells Hall Hospital's Wishing Well trust. April Perks, aged nine, who suffers with a rare, central nervous system disease which also affects her eyes, was greeted by a horse-drawn glass, fairytale pumpkin carriage at Dingle Community Primary School, in Madeley Road.

April sonther, Deana, said: "Her face was an absolute picture, the whole day was fantastic and she still was a proportion of the control of day, courtesy of Russells Hall
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"She asked me if she was dreaming at one point, it's wonderful to see her so happy and be able to focus on something other than her condition and bear wedlestion. er medication.
"All of her classmates stayed to see

her get into her carriage, none of teer on the children's ward since

Dreams

April has to take steroids every day to control the symptoms and after spending most of her Christmas in and out of Russells Hall she is due to attend Birmingham's Children hospi-tal later this week to see a specialist. Steve Ford, who has been a volun-

April was first diagnosed with neuromyelitis optica (NMO) last November when she was admitted to hospital having lost the use of her legs and the sight in her right eye.

The disease affects the optic nerves and spinal cord.

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The special treat was last Friday, but the magic of the day carried over into half-term week with April still

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BLACK Country day care

BLACK Country day care centre forced to close under social services cutbacks could be relaunched soon.

The centre, based at The Regis, Old Hill, was axed within a week of a final closure notice at the start of the month after funding from Sandwell Council dried up.

Many of the 30 elderly who used the service were left in tears when the news was broken. Sandwell Social Services, which rented space at The Regis and provided staffing, have moved their day care provision eight miles away to Manifoldia Grange, West Bromwich.

Now, owners of the Art Deco landmark in Reddal Hill Road are calling a public meeting on Thursday, March 3 at 7.15 pm to discuss the possibilities

of resurrecting the day care as

of resurrecting the day care as a private enterprise to serve people in Dudley and Sandwell.

Directors Carole Jenkins and Tony Billingham, who also run nursing and care homes business Carlton Care Group, believe there is still a strong demand for the facility which offered old people the chance of a day out with entertainment and social interaction.

And they pledged any new operation would be "on a strictly break-even basis."

basis."

The business partners, who own seven residential homes in the Black Country, are expecting a good turnout for the meeting. Mr Billingham, of Halesowen, said: "Last year we held an open forum at The Regis on dementia care and we were staggered by the response. There was big turnout and

we were able to offer help and advice

to many people.
"What clearly was apparent, is the large number of local people who are struggling with caring for loved-ones

strugging with caring for loved-ones at home with little or no respite.

"One of the issues we want to address at the meeting is the possibility of day care for this needy, people group.

Responsibility

"Also on the agenda is day care pos-sibilities for the elderly who are not

sibilities for the elderly who are not dementia sufferers."

As financial cuts from Government begin to filter through, Mr Billingham believes the elderly and frail will be most exposed. "For 25 years we have run the Carlton and have seen huge shifts in care provision, but nothing

that has happened before had the potential to impact on our most vul-nerable like the current economic

measures do.
"We have a moral responsibility to "We have a moral responsibility to try to do something and although we cannot afford to provide free day care—staffing ratio implications alone are a big financial consideration—we would like to offer it on a strictly break-even basis."

Mrs Jenkins, of Stourbridge, added: "We have all the facilities here—even a special shower—to meet the needs of day care provision and we envisage it could run Monday to Friday. The meeting will give us an indication of what services the local people need. "The measure of a society is how it treats its weakest and most vulnerable. It is atrocious that people in

Cradley Heath and the surrounding locality are now having to be trans-ported over to West Bromwich, the

Tony Billingham and Carole Jenkins in the day care room at The Regis

locaity are now having to be transported over to West Bromwich, the nearest day care point where they can be looked after.

"It's just too far for many of the people who came here (The Regis) to travel and given the pick-ups and drop-offs a good proportion of their day out will be spent on a minibus."

At the time of the closure council cabinet member for adult social care Councillor Linda Horton, said Manifoldia Grange would be able to offer a wide range of personalised activities for the pensioners. She added that some efficiencies would be achieved through the loss of rental payments and that there had been "extensive consultations over several months with the users of the day service."



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Mayor's knees-up

FANCY footwork will be on show at the Mayor of Dudley's annual civic ball next month. Guests can show off their dancing skills and help raise money for the Mayor's charities at the March 25 ball. A disco, singer and dinner are to be laid on at the Village Hotel, Dudley.

The charities to benefit are the Alz-heimer's Society, Thomas Pock-lington Trust and Acorns Children's Hospice.

Tickets, which are available until March 9, cost £33. For more information and bookings, email christine. Skelding@dudley.gov.uk or call 01384 815 211 or.

Riddle of care home worker's death at 40

death of a 40-year-old care worker found with head injuries in Dudley.

head injuries in Dudley.

An investigation failed to reveal how Paul Davis was hurt, an inquest heard.

Mr Davis was found unconscious in Vicarage Road, Woodsetton, by a member of the public on December 10, the day he was due at a Christmas party with colleagues from Court Care Home, in Bourne Street.

He was taken to Russells Hall Hospital where he died of his injuries the following

Robin Balmain recorded an open verdict at the inquest in Dudley last week.

Mr Balmain said what

Dudley last week.

Mr Balmain said what
caused Mr Davis's injuries
remained "a mystery".

remained a mystery".

A post mortem found that Mr Davis, of Regent Street, Woodsetton, had fractures and bruising to the skull and

Police initially investigated the death as it was first believed items belonging to Mr Davis were missing. However, these were later found at his home.

A post mortem found that Mr Davis, of Regent Street, Woodsetton, had fractures and bruising to the skull and a blood clot on the brain.

There was no evidence of drink or drugs, and while the possibility he had been attacked or hit by a car could not be ruled out, it was deemed unlikely.

Mr Balmain was told the

Invitation to country walk over common

PEOPLE are being encouraged to get their walking boots on and

walking boots on and step out into the country-side of Highgate Common, near Enville. As part of the South Staffordshire Council's Health Walk scheme a new guided walk has been established, taking in the sights of the ancient lowland heath. The weekly walks of

The weekly walks of 30-45 minutes start on March 4. Details from www.sstaffs.gov.uk/ walking or 01902 696682.

Youngsters to spread fumes peril message

upon to pass on the message about the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning from faulty gas appliances.

A charity is running a poster competition for youngsters which they hope to take into schools in the area.

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Pupils will be given a presentation about the dangers of carbon monoxide and how to prevent the dangers.

They can then take part in a poster competition and win £300 for themselves and £500 for their school.

The winner will also receive an expenses paid trip, along with their family and teacher, to the Houses of Parliament to collect their prize. The campaign is aimed at 10 to 11-year-

olds and is run by a charity, the Carbon Monoxide and Gas Safety Society.

Its director, Stephanie Trotter, said: "By entering the competition you could learn enough to save your life or that of a loved one and you might win."

Emergency

Anyone who suspects they may be experiencing carbon monoxide poisoning is advised to leave the area immediately and move to fresh air, open all doors and windows and shut off the gas supply. Then they should all the Gas Emergency Services on 0800 111 999 and seek medical help.

Any schools interested in entering the poster competition can call 0800 2800474. For more information on carbon monoxide safety, visit www.co-gassafety.co.uk.

Old school ties for two **VIPs on Question Time**

We realised we had two MPs among former students

COALITION MPs Andrew Griffiths and Lorely Burt faced a grilling at their old school in Sedgley in a version of TV's Question Time.

A debate on soaring university tuition fees and cuts to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) were major topics – prompting the biggest

tem, were major topics – proining the biggest, jeers as well as applause.

About 200 students heard the pair and Dudley North Lahour MP Ian Austin debate as High Arcal head boy, Joe Dutton, aged 16, chaired the discussion.

All three agreed that Joe handled the event so well he should take over from the BBC's David Dimbleby when he retires from Thursday night's political show.

Democratic

Mr Griffiths, aged 40, Tory MP for Burton and Uttox-eter, left High Arcal School in 1988 with four A-levels, Mrs Burt, 56, Liberal Democrat MP for Solihull, studied then until 1971, before A-levels at Dudley Technical College. Ex-pupil Richard Drew, aged 17, of Cotwall End, Sedgley, now a student at Stourbridge's King Edward VI Sixth Form College, spotted the two MPs' links with his old school during work experience at the House of Commons and drew it to High Arcal's attention.

Sukhjot Dhami, school community cohesion director, said: "It's our 50th anniversary year and, when we realised we had two MPs among our former students, we thought it would be great to invite them back and to stage

A COMMUNITY exercise class for the over-50s is being launched in Rowley Regis and will feature low impact routines

impact routines.

The class will be held at
St Giles Church Hall in
Hawes Lane, Rowley, every
Thursday from 9.3010.30am, and admission is
£2.50 each week. For more
information contact Joyce
Walker on 0.121 559 8418 or
just turn up at the class.

Exercising for the over-50s fees was another nail in the coffin of the democratic goal of extending access.

of extending access.

Mrs Burt, who abstained
in the parliamentary vote
on tuition fees, said she
would like the government
to look again at the issue.
Mr Griffiths said tens of
thousands protested about
fees, but millions did not.
Mr Austin received
annlause when he seid: "It

Mr Austin received applause when he said: "It was a criminal act of van-dalism."



The three panellists Andrew Griffiths MP, left, Lorely Burt MP and Ian Austin MP at High Arcal School, Sedgley

Police invite to townsfolk

A SERIES of public meetings and drop-in sessions will be held

sessions will be held by police in Amble-cote next month.

The neighbourhood team will take the police camper van to Bromp-ton Road Park next Wednesday, March 2, inviting anyone in the area to drop in between 5pm and 7pm for an informal chat with offi-cers and community support officers.
On March 9, a special

support officers.
On March 9, a special
Police and Communities Together (PACT)
meeting will be held in
Amblecote Church Hall
Vicenze Paul meeting Vicarage Road, specifi-cally for local busi-

nesses to raise any con-cerns. A general PACT meeting for the whole community will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Vicarage Road, on March 30 at 7pm.

Residents who attend any of the meetings will also hear an update on issues raised at previous meetings.

ous meetings.

They include antisocial behaviour in the communal car park at the back of Oakhill Drive, and large groups of teenagers gathering in allegants heliad in alleyways behind Sainsbury's after dark.

Problem over new gipsy site removed

WORK on a £1.6 million gipsy site in Tipton is to start within months. Proposals for the Brierley Lane site

Brierley Lane site stalled last summer as travellers objected. Plans involved them moving from a 30-year-old site nearby, but they complained about having to move and said the fencing height was inadequate, among a string of complaints.

After six months of page.

plaints.

After six months of negotiations problems were ironed out and work is set to start in May.

The existing site in Brierley Lane will be cleared and facilities created on land next to it. The site will include 16 pitches, new amenity buildings and land-scaping.

Decking

Decking

The site will be screened from the road by hedges and trees, with individual pitches fenced off, ample parking, paving and decking.

Originally Sandwell Council had proposed constructing plots of different sizes, to form starter pitches and retirement pitches. However, the residents objected, asking for plots of uniform measurements. The council has now moved boundaries to make all individual sites equal, and has made changes to the lighting. mage ing. Councillor

Councillor Simon
Hackett, cabinet member
for housing, said: "The
money to pay for the work is
coming from a Government
grant and there will be no
impact on the council taxpayer."



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I may leave town, warns says publican bitter about levy on late-night opening



Dave Craddock

TV Josie

ready for borough

big day

THE landlord of two Stourbridge pubs has warned he could be driven out of town if his business is hit with a "late night opening" tax.

night opening" tax.

Dave Craddock, who runs the Plough and Harrow, in Worcester Street, near Mary Stevens Park, and The Duke William, in the town centre's Coventry Street, says licensees will struggle if plans to charge venues up to 4,500 a year for opening after midnight are given the go-ahead.

It follows an announcement of new powers under the Government's Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill, currently going through Parliament.

They would give councils the authority to impose a levy on nightspots that open after midnight to help cover policing costs. But Mr

Craddock said pub managements had got it tough enough already, with as little as 8p in the pound from the drinks they sell going into their pockets.

midnight, there are occasions when I would want to open up for a customer's special occasion or other event, and I would still have to

want to open up for a customer's special occalthere pound from the drinks they sell going into
their pockets.

The rest – including 35 per cent in alcohol
duty and 50 per cent in brewery charges
goes on overheads, said Mr Craddock, of
Corser Street, Old-swinford.

"I went to school here, live here and my
first child is about to be born here," said the
29-year-old

Judgment

"I want to make my pubs, as well as the
area in general, as nice as they can be. But
new legislation allows local authorities to
charge up to £4,500 a year for a licence for
opening after midnight.

"Although both of my pubs close before

Tourist push | Service vital for our region - MP

A BLACK Country MP has called for a Parliamentary debate to promote tourism in the region. James Morris, Conservative MP for

Halesowen and Rowley Regis, high-lighted the popularity of Dudley Zoo-logical Gardens and Halesowen Abbey in a House of Commons ques-

tion.

He said: "Tourism is actually the UK's fifth biggest industry. In and around Halesowen and Rowley Regis we need to promote our tourist attractions, such as Dudley Zoo and Halesowen Abbey in order to drive economic growth and create jobs. The coalition is developing a tourism strategy and it is important that the Black Country plays a role."

to sell old fire engines

A PROPOSAL to sell off old fire appliances by West Midlands Fire Service on the open market has been given the go-ahead.

In the past, the fire and rescue authority donated the appliances to poor countries. Since 2002, four fire engines have been given to Pakistan, ne to Romania and one

But at a meeting of the authority last week, it was decided to sell them for up to £10,000 each in order to slow back comes order to claw back some of the cash lost from Gov-ernment cuts.

Response

Chairman David
Hinton said: "We are
ceasing to become a
benevolent society.
"Unfortunately, in
these tight financial
times, things have got to
change.
"We are seeking to

"We are seeking to maximise the value of these appliances on the market."

The authority's budget for this year was also con-firmed at the meeting. It set aside £112 million for 2011-12 compared with £120m last year.

This is in response to a reduction of the Government grant that makes up about 70 per cent of the annual budget. The grant has been slashed by £10.164m, or 12.5 per cent, over two years from 2011 to 2013.

It is feared this could rise to a total cut of 37-40 per cent up to 2014. Councillor Hinton has

said this could equate to 800 job cuts.

Budgets courses at college

A PROJECT has been set up at Stourbridge College to help students manage their money. Youngsters have been taking part in Money Skills sessions run by Barclays Bank.

They are being taught about budgeting, spending and saving, including how to draw up a budget planner and allow for future expenses.

There are plans to extend the courses across the whole college.

Pam Kaur, from Barclays, said: "We've had a fantastic response from the students and enjoyed using our business skills to help young people."

Protests fail as market rents put up by council

rence becomes a freeman

rence becomes a freeman of the borough of Sandwell on April 2.

The award-winning actress from Old Hill will receive the honour at the same time as long-standing former Tory councillor Bill Archer will be made an honorary alderman.

The ceremony will be held at Sandwell Council House in Freeth Street, Oldbury, starting at 11am.

The 51-year-old actress, who now lives in Hackney in east London, is still regularly seen about Sandwell where her family still live.

Best known for her role in the comedy show Whose Line Is It Anyway? she was more recently in EastEnders on BBC1.

Children

Children

Also a recognised stage actress, Josie started her career at the Barlow Theatre, in Spring Walk, Langley, where she is a

Langley, where she is a patron.

And she has performed with the Royal Shakespeare Company, Stratford-upon-Avon, where in the 1990s she received the Dame Peggy Asheroft award for best actress.

Josie is also well-known for her charity work where she has helped to raise hundreds of thousands of pounds for breast cancer research and to provide help for children suffering from autism.

for children sunering autism.

Josie will be the 11th honorary freeman of Sandwell.
and the second actress to be given the honour.

In 2004, Smethwick-born Julie Walters was made an honorary freeman.

RENTS for stalls at Dudley market are to rise ... despite between 14p and 64p a day, despite 'hopes that charges would be frozen to help traders through what they say about tough times.
Stallholders at the council-run outdoor market in the town centre will see their rents go up between 1.5 looking into ideas from their rents go up between 1.5 and two per cent from April.
The authority says the prices are still among the lowest in the region.
Around 60 per cent of stalls are occupied on the six days a week the market opertraders about price freezes. they still rise

Fruit and veg seller David Flavell, aged 50, says stall-holders had hoped for a respite from council-imposed

"We had hoped they would

we had noped they would not increase the rents this year but despite what they say about looking into ideas from traders about price freezes, they still go up," said

All stalls on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays face a 1.5 per cent increase in rent while stalls

on a Wednesday and Satur-day will have a two per cent

Mr Flavell.

Prices for the most expensive stalls on Wednesdays and Saturdays will range from around £20.25 to £30.62 a day or from around £9.23 to £14 for the cheapest pitches the rest of the week.

Incentive

Dudley Council's cabinet member for personnel, legal and property, Councillor Adrian Turner, said the authority already offered financial incentives for new and existing traders. He added that the rises were below the rate of infla-tion.

Community club talk

A NEWLY-launched community club for the over-60s in Halesowen has booked a series of talks to entertain the 30-

The Open Door Club, at Hasbury Methodist Church, Albert Road, hosts a talk on home safety and security at 2pm next Tuesday, March 1, followed by an Amble Through Halesowen in Days Gone By, with historian John Billingham, on Tuesday, March 29.

"It's a really nice, relaxing afternoon," said volunteer helper Marjorie Gaul, adding that anyone from the area was welcome. For more details, call the church on 0121 585 7323.



Working hard and helping to clear Mousesweet Brook at Cradley Heath are, from left, Lynn Partridge, Neil Lote, Chris Farmer and Will Groves

Clear-up to lower flooding hazard

VOLUNTEERS have been clearing a brook and creating a nature eserve in Cradley

Hundreds of tons of silt and waste have already been removed from Mousesweet Brook. Hedgerows have been planted and access to the site has been improved.

The transformation of the brook began with a £175,000 Environment Agency project to reduce flood risk to 130 properties by enabling the water to flow more

Halesowen MP James Morris, Stour-bridge MP Margot James and Dudley's Councillor David Vickers were among those working on the

The nature reserve is being created at a site owned by St John's church near St Anne's Road, Cradley Heath.

Environment Agency area flood risk manager John Buckingham said: "We are transforming Mousesweet Brook to help reduce the risk of flooding."

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The pies have it and it's all for charity



Copthorne Hotel head chef Steve Sutton and Dudley Group of Hospitals fundraiser Karen Phillips getting ready for the charity pie-eating contest

A HOSPITAL charity is appealing for Desperate Dans with huge appetites to get stuck into its latest fundraising challenge.

The Dudley Group of Hospitals Charity is holding a pie-eating contest on March 24 at the Copthorne Hotel in Brierley Hill.

in Brierley Hill.

Contestants will have to munch their way through a meat pie, and the first to finish will win a leisure club membership at the hotel. Registration is £25 which includes a pie meal for the contestant and three supporters. The evening will be rounded off with a prize

porters. The evening win be rounted at the required price of the control of the result of the result

MP's blast for cuts in police

DUDLEY North MP Ian police funding, added Mr Austin has criticised Government plans that will see The cuts will also mean a

Austin has criticised Government plans that will see 1,100 police disappear from West Midlands streets.
Planned cuts will see 1,100 frontline police officers' posts and 1,100 staff jobs axed in the region.
Mr Austin said the pravi-

jobs axed in the region.

Mr Austin said the previous Labour government left a record number of police officers, helping to reduce crime by 43 per

acut in the number of PCSOs.

"The Tories and Lib Dems have failed to protect policing and the fight against crime and antisocial behaviour," said Mr Austin Austin.

"These are reckless cuts which will hit our area hard.

"I promise that I will stand up for the hard working law abiding majority and fight the Government". cent. "I promise that I will since the Tory-led coalist on took office 2,000 full working law abiding time police officers' jobs majority and fight the Govhad been axed, prior to the announcement of the Govenment's 20 per cent cutto our police force."

Stray horses hazard Facelift and a fresh

BOSSES at Sandwell Council have said they cannot close off open land where horses are left to wander on to a Tipton housing estate. Residents of Wednesbury Oak estate say more than 20

Residents of Wednesbury
Oak estate say more than 20
animals regularly escape
from Weddell Wynd through
an 8ft gap between garages,
roaming on to streets and
trampling gardens.
They have asked the
council to block the gap, but
it says it is public land.
Bryan Vaughan, aged 72,
of Andrew Road, a retired

manager at Rockhouse Transmission said: "No-one on this estate keeps horses themselves, but they are wandering onto the streets from this piece of land.

Cantering

"Because of the open plan design of the estate, the horses are trampling through the gardens. There have been problems for years. The horses got out four times in one week, and seven got through on one day and went cantering down Andrew Road."

Mr Vaughan added: "It is

'difficult' for council name for day centre

A DAY centre in Stour-bridge for adults with severe learning disabili-

severe learning disabili-ties is closing for six months for refurbishing. Once the £1.2 million work is completed at the Amblecote Centre, it will be renamed The Unicorn Centre after The Unicorn pub which once stood on land between Brettell Lane and King William Street. It is hoped that the centre will be reopened in Septem-ber this year. It will be the only one in Dudley borough to offer support for people

with severe learning disabilities and daytime support to those with the most complex needs.

"It will feature sensory "It will feature sensory"

It is hoped it will be a "centre of excellence" for a smaller number of people with the most profound dis-

Historical

Phil Parker, Dudley Council spokesman, said: "The centre will re-open in September following the £1.2m refurbishment and will provide care for people with severe learning and physical disabilities. The

"It will feature sensory rooms and areas dedicated to music, art and IT."

Council chiefs decided on Council chiefs decided on a new name in consultation with staff, service users and their carers to reflect the changing nature of the centre while linking it to its historical origins.

The centre is on the same site as Amblecote House residential care home, which has been earmarked for closure.

Russells Hall tops list for cancelling surgery

DUDLEY'S Russell Hall Hospital heads the West Midlands list for cancelling operations at the last minute, according to new figures. Staff cancelled 319 appointments between October and December 2010, compared with 121 in neighbouring Sandwell and West Birmingham Trust, which includes Rowley Regis Hospital.

Non-clinical causes of cancellations across the Midlands were cited as staff

Apologise

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"When procedures for patients who are fit for surgery are cancelled it is usually due to other operations turning out to be more complex and taking more theatre time than expected, or higher than expected, or higher than expected prevents are the strength of the strength of

or higher than expected levels of emergency activity leading to shortages of beds or theatre time."

Medical director of Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust, Manjit Obhrai, said: "We regret that some operations do have to be cancelled and apologise for any inconvenience caused."

Reasons included a lack of available beds at Stafford Hospital, he added.

which includes Rowley Regis Hospital. Non-clinical causes of cancellations across the Midlands were cited as staff shortages, increased emergency activity and a lack of beds. During the same three-month period, 91 procedures were called off by Mid-Stafford-shire Hospital trust, 84 by The Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals, 25 by Walsall Hospitals and 152 by Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust. Paula Clark, chief executive of Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Russells Hall Hospital, said: "We make every effort to carry out operations on the day they are planned. However, there are some occasions when this is not possible. "Reasons include an emergency during a surgery session, running out of time to carry out the operation, or a consultant or anesthetist being unavailable. "We did experience a higher number of cancelled operations during December, in particular due to capacity and demand on the hospital," Ms Clark added. The chief operating officer of Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust, Richard Kirby, said: "We work hard to keep cancellations to a minimum. Apologise soars to £18,000

DUDLEY taxpayers paid sary burden on council tax-more than £18,000 replac-ing stolen drain covers If anyone sees suspicious during the past 12 months.

Since last February, 42 covers have been taken by thieves looking to sell them

as scrap.

Dudley Council says it is

covers with Dudley Council says it is installing covers with hinged grates that cannot be lifted out. It is also looking at using Smart Water technology to mark them invisibly and make them easier to trace. Council spokesman Chris Howes said theft of drain covers posed a risk to road users and pedestrians as well as being an unneces-

sary burden on council tax-payers.

If anyone sees suspicious behaviour they should report it to police or to Dudley Council Plus on 0300 555 2345, he added..

Overhead

Metal thieves continue to strip church roofs of lead, steal garden taps and beer kegs. Copper piping, catalytic converters and tools have also been targeted.

They stole overhead tramway wiring at the Black Country Living Museum. Vehicles are out of action as repair work is expected to take months.

Zoo art offers food for thought



Education presenter Kellie Piper admires the art in the revamped restaurant at Dudley Zoological Gardens

eat in style thanks to a £80,000 revamp of the restaurant.

The restaurant in the historic Queen Mary Ball-room now has new flooring and furni-ture and has been decorated through out. The central dance floor has also been sanded back and refurbished. To brighten up

the walls, staff have used 13 blown-up photo-graphs from the zoo's 2011 calendar

They show a range of zoo animals and their favourite British

Zoo chief executive Peter Suddock said: "The zoo has bought the very best of British food for our animals since the zoo

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tie-up is axed

DROP-IN facilities for

young people in Dudley and Stour-bridge will continue in

a different form after the council decided against renewing a £1.3 million contract

Jobs at risk as

Julian's second wind as sax star

HALESOWEN saxophone star Julian Smith – who was voted just behind Susan Boyle in the 2009 Britain's Got Talent final – is achieving his dream with a major nationwide tour.

The 41-year-old father of two has jumped off the Simon Cowell bandwagon to land on his feet thanks to a deal with Big Bear Music, in Birmingham.

He toured the UK for 19 dates, supporting 1970s soul band The Stylistics, and this month began his own round of 30 concerts, starting at the Landmark Theatre, Ilfracombe, north Devon.

Julian started playing the clarinet when he was about 14 and later took up the bassoon.

He is at the Robin 2 in Bilston, Wolverhampton, on March 26, and has a show lined up at Lichfield Garrick on March 5. Julian's other shows in the region include the Artix Theatre, Bromsgrove, on April 3.

Red tape thwarts

clean-up

of graffiti

VILLAGE volunteers have been banned from cleaning graffiti from

cleaning graffiti from vandalised canal bridges in South Staffordshire because of health and

Chemicals

British Waterways, which owns the structures, has not agreed to fund its own clean-up, and fears that chemicals will leak into the water if volunteers do it.

will leak into the water it volunteers do it.
Councillor Jackie Granger added: "We've come to a grinding halt, but we'd like to have it done by the time judges visit in May.
"British Waterways can't do it because of the cost, so we're discussing the possibility of them training us to do it. It is frustrating." Stephen Hardy, of British Waterways, said: "We welcome the interest that Wombourne residents have shown. However, removing graffiti from canal bridges is a task that requires specialist attention.

ist attention. "It carries a risk of damag-

"It carries a risk of damag-ing the historic brickwork or causing pollution and harm to wildlife.
"Our volunteering team are making efforts to meet the group at Wombourne to discuss the activities they can get involved with."



Halesowen saxophone player Julian Smith, now on tour

Hundreds of townsfolk added to dole queue as region suffers

britain's unemployment rose by 44,000 in the three months to December to 2.49 million, with the biggest increase in the West

The region saw 28,000 more people join the jobless queues and a 261,000 adults now out of work.

At 9.8 per cent, the West Midlands has one of the highest local unemployment rates in the UK, where the average is 7.9 per cent.

The number of people claiming Job-seeker's Allowance increased by 2,400 last month to 1.46 million, the Office for National Statistics said last week.

classed as unemployed can claim the allowance. In Dudley, the claimant figure rose 588 to 9,767, or 5.1 per cent of the working population, and in Kidderminster and Wyre Forest it jumped 215 to 2,354 or 3.8 per cent. There was also a jump in Walsall of 376 to 10,148 or 6.4

Negotiate

Sandwell saw an increase of 459 to 12,876, or seven per cent of the working population, while Wolverhampton saw an increase, of 472, to 11,292 or 7.4 per

cent.
The figures were released a day after new figures revealed inflation rose to four per cent in January.
The ONS said average earnings were

revealing they increased by just 1.8 per cent in the year to December. This is down from 2.1 per cent the month before.

Workers were typically paid £456 a eek in total in December.

Experts warned that the worsening

figures serve to show the fragility of the labour market, with workers lucky to be in a job rather than being in a position to negotiate higher wages.

The youth unemployment rate swelled to 20.5 per cent, up 1.5 per cent on the quarter and the highest figure since comparable records began in 1992.

The number of young people out of work is at 965,000, the highest figure since modern records began.

with a private firm. Kent-based Prospects Services runs Connexions centres in Stourbridge and Dudley, and the 35 jobs are at risk. The centres offer advice on careers, education, health, money and relationships. Council bosses say the firm declined a request to cut

Around 35 staff work at the centres in Wolver hampton Street, Dudley and High Street, Stour

Learning

Dudley Council has said it will consider taking on around 13 staff from the centres to deal with children who have special learning needs.

special learning needs.
Councillor Liz Walker,
cabinet member for children's services, said.
"The council very much
views the work of the
Connexions Service as a
crucial area of support
for young people and has
no intention of stopping
information, advice and
guidance. guidance.

"We are committed to ensure the Connexions Service continues and will continue to provide a range of support services

to young people."

Prospects Services declined to comment.

Drug jab tragedy

A GAS engineer died shortly after taking heroin, an inquest heard. James Webster, aged 30, collapsed at home in Albert Road, Halesowen, on October 12 and was found by partner Yvette

found by partner Yvette Thomas.

Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain recorded a verdict of accidental death at last Tuesday's inquest in Dudley.

Pathologist
Dr Swapna Ghosh said Mr Webster vomited and then choked. She said morphine was in his morphine was in his blood, indicating he had taken heroin. Although it

Link to old priory with naming of

safety red tape.

Members of Wombourne's
Best Kept Village committee
have been ordered to take
specialist training before
they are allowed to scrub off new roads spray paint.

The bridges near Ouns-dale Road and Giggetty Lane have been targeted by vandals, but the volunteers still hope to better last year's second place finish in the Staffordshire competition. NEW street names for a £37 million housing development on the site of Dudley's former North Priory estate will be inspired by an

historic landmark,. Work on the £1m first phase of the Work on the £1m first phase of the 314-home project started last year after a £5.5m grant from the Homes and Community Agency.

There are 100 homes in the first stage. Developer Bromford is building 63 affordable homes, 56 of them for rent and seven for first-time buyers on lower incomes.

Another developer Keenmaat Homes.

Another developer, Keepmoat Homes, will build 37 properties which will be put up

Dudley Council revealed that it has come

Dudley Council revealed that it has come up with seven street names for the new development which all have associations with the Priory of St James's, which was founded in the area in the 12th century.

Street names include Bradfield Way, after the Church of Bradfield which was bestowed to the priory, Webley Grove, after John Webley who was the Prior of Dudley between 1535 and 1539, and Shrewsbury Place, after the Prior in 1539-40, Thomas Shrewsbury.

Hackett Drive is named in honour of the Chapel of Cofton Hackett given to the priory.

Occupied

The ruined Dudley Priory, which has Grade 1 listed status, lies in what is now Priory Park.

Council chiefs say the new housing devel-opment is progressing well. The Keepmoat sales centre is set to open in the next few weeks and two show homes will be ready lin

weeks and two show homes will be ready lin
the spring
Six properties will be ready for sale in
late spring while the first rented properties
will be available by summer All properties
in the first phase will be
completed by summer 2012.
More than 270 homes
which once occupied the site
were demolished in 2009 to
make way for the new
scheme.
Developers moved on to
the North Priory site in
August last year.
Dudley Council's cabinet
the deletion of
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ervices, Counof the cabinet,
councillor Angus Adams
was being asked to formally
approve the allocation of the
new road names this week.

Group is baking a difference



Joshua Nicholls, aged eight, gets baking with members of the Dudley Bliss Group

CUPCAKES have been decorated by a Black Country family group to raise cash

for special care babies. It is part of Cake A Difference, a national annual fund-raising scheme organised by Bliss, the special care baby charity. The Dudley Bliss Group decorated the

cakes at their regular get-together.

The group provides support and activities for Dudley families who have had an ill

or premature baby on a neo-natal unit.
Organiser Joanne Weston said: "Making cupcakes is so much fun. It's even better

that such simple cakes can help to raise money for special care babies. The group is holding a raffle, with prizes including a special occasion cake, and organisers hope to raise £500 for the charity.

Cake sales are being organised across the borough at venues such as Alder Coppice Primary School, in Sedgley.

The group usually meets on the second Saturday of every month at Stourbridge Children and Families Centre. For details, email dudleybliss@live.co.uk or telephone 07815 454457.

was not a high amount, it was a contributing factor. Ms Thomas said she was not aware of her partner injecting himself with heroin that day.

Battle to save team

MORE than 150 people have signed a petition against Dudley Council's decision to scrap an 11-strong team which pro vides help and support to volunteers.

which pro vides help and support to volunteers. Campaigners have collected signatures from residents on the Castle and Priory ward who are angry that the community renewal team will be abolished under council budget cuts. The petition calls for Dudley Council to "revise its decision in the budget that sees the deletion of the community renewal unit".

The decision came to light at a meeting of the cabinet, confirmed by the member for community services, Councillor Lesley Faulkner.

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Borough's Gove plea s renewed

EDUCATION Secretary Michael Gove is being urged to keep his promise to visit Sandwell in the wake of the council's High Court win. In an open letter, council leader Councillor Darren Cooper has asked Mr Gove to come to the area. He urges him to talk to pupils, heads and parents at nine schools where £138 million of Building Schools for the Future funding was cut. But Sandwell's Tory opposition leader, Councillor Ray Nock, said the council should now

focus on raising attainment within schools rather than focusing on "bricks and mortar".

Councillor Cooper, who has already called for the resignation of Mr Gove, said the purpose of the letter to the minister was "to plead with you to keep a promise you made last year".

It says: "You said then that you would visit Sandwell to talk to the pupils, heads and teachers in the schools which you had decided would not now be re-built."

Boss's Turkish delight over £6m trading deal

Hall has a wedding engagement

BRIDES and grooms-to-be are invited to an his-toric Dudley hall's open day next

Couples looking to tie the knot are invited to Priory Hall on Saturday, March 5. They will be able to look around the venue and its surroundings in Priory Park, which fea-tures the old Priory ruins and is overlooked by Dudley Castle

Information on ears, wedding cakes, balloons, ohotographers, oridal wear and flowers will all be available from exhibitors at the

Models will also re-create wedding ceremonies at the venue and fashion shows will be held

Wedding regis-trars will also be on hand at the which runs from 10am to 4pm

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Preparing for the wedding exhibition at Priory Hall, Priory Park, Dudley, next week is superintendent registrar Penny Fulford

based in Stourbridge has been cele brating scooping £6 million of new

business after signing contracts with companies in Turkey. Black Country Metals managing direc-tor and chairman Peter Mathews has bro-kered the deal after a series of meetings with business chiefs in the Mediterranean

with business chiefs in the Mediterranean country.

The 64-year-old is now urging other Black Country firms to go global, and said that companies would benefit from the move, especially during the tough eco-nomic times.

nomic times.

More than 350 workers are employed worldwide by Black Country Metals Ltd, based in Lye, and its associated companies.

"Doing business in Turkey has proved very successful and it could prove very fruitful for the Black Country. It is important for businesses in the region to find new markets at the current time and we should be looking to global markets to show just what the Black Country has to offer," Mr Mathews said.

Investment

The deal will not directly lead to new jobs in the region at this stage, but Mr Mathews said positions could become available in the long term if more business comes from the deals.

Mr Mathews said that he secured the new business on a trip last month as part of the UK Trade & Investment's West Midlands Environmental Technologies Cluster mission to Ankara, the Turkish capital and Istanbul

capital, and Istanbul.

"Business needs to fly the flag for the region. We need to look further outside this market to countries abroad for business."

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Nelly setting hot pace for race trainin

TWO runners have been joined on gruelling training sessions around Dudley by their trusty pet dog Nelly as they prepare for the London Marathon. Cheryl and David Jasper, who have been inspired by their daughter's battle with hearing problems, are raising cash for the Royal National Institute for Deaf People, which has supported Molly, now aged 13.

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She was born with only 50 per cent hearing and has to wear two hearing aids.

The couple, of Lawnswood Road, Wordsley, have been training on canal towpaths. "Alot of people recognise

us now because they always see us out running with the dog," Mrs Jasper

always see us out running with the dog," Mrs Jasper said.

"She managed 15 miles the other day and didn't even seem tired."

Molly's parents are aiming to raise £1,750 – a target which was set when they signed up.
Mrs Jasper, a teaching assistant at Belle Vue Primary School in Wordsley, said: "Molly is a real inspiration to us. She is always happy and never lets it get to her."
To sponsor Mr and Mrs Jasper for the London Marathon on April 17, log on to http://uk.virgin moneygiving.com/team/Jaspers4rnid.



Cheryl and David Jasper, seen with their daughter Molly and the family dog, Nelly, in regular training ready to run the London Marathon

Pubs face action over TV footba

DOZENS of pubs across Dudley have been issued warnings or face court action over alleged illegal screenings of Premier League football.

Prosecution officers from the Prosecution of Prosecution of Premier League's monitoring firm, the Media Protection Services, have been carrying out checks in pubs in recent months.

Officials are clamping down on pubs screening satellite broad-casts from European Union coun-

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Dudley borough was described
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TV channels to be broadcast
through British satellite boxes.
Media Protection Services
spokesman Ray Hoskins branded
the cards a "con" that would land
licensees in trouble.
The council is awaiting the
outcome of European Court of
Justice proceedings involving
Portsmouth landlady Karen

Murphy. She is contesting a ruling that she was showing matches illegally using a card from a Greek satellite broadcaster, and won the crucial backing of Europe's Advocate-General on February 3. "We will find out the judgment in around three to four months but in the meantime pubs will still be showing matches illegally if they continue using cards for foreign broadcasts," Mr Hoskins said.

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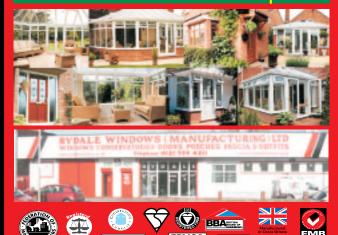
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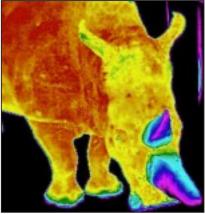
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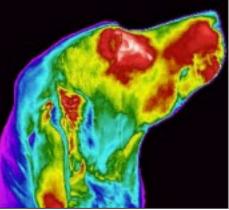


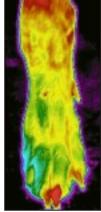
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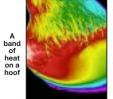
Heat is on as Helen finds the diagnosis

woman is turning up the heat with a new veteri-

heat with a new veteri-nary diagnostic tool. Helen Morrell hopes to see the Veterinary Thermal Imaging service rolled out across the country. It is claimed to be the UK's first such all-species device and can be used on all sorts of crea-tures, from cats, dogs and horses through livestock and on to zoo or marine life.

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Course

Mrs Morrell, founder of VTI and a veterinary physiotherapist, was the first person from the UK to be accepted onto the thermal imaging course at the

need for other expensive investi-gations," said 35-year-old Mrs Morrell.

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"We don't replace traditional veterinary services but rather enhance them," added Mrs Morrell, who used to live in Kid-University of Florida's vet school University of riorida's vet school last year.

"VTI is a great opportunity for UK animal professionals and owners to use a service that is non-invasive, emits no radiation, can be repeated as often as required and can eliminate the derminster and Bliss Gate but is now in Oxfordshire with her husband and two-year-old son.

disruption before anything can be picked-up, our method addresses the physiology of the "Whilst most diagnostic tests addresses the physiology of the focus on specific anatomical animal which can change prior to areas, and require a degree of any major anatomical disrup-

Helen Morrell with dog Darcy. Picture: Professional Images

tion," said Mrs Morrell, who is looking at franchising the service.

"This being the case, you can apply the stitch in time philosophy, hopefully saving money, stress and your animal's discomfort."

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Doreen's story

I have so much to thank Mr Burchell

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To say I am pleased with my new teeth is an understatement. They are absolutely perfect and a pleasure to wear. I love to show them off. The difference the implants make to the security of the denture is simply unbelievable, it really is life-changing for me.

I found Mr Burchell's expertise second to none and he went to so much trouble to make each visit to the clinic a pleasure.

In the past I would have to consider what food to eat and there was always a problem with food particles becomng trapped under the bottom denture Ing trapped under the bottom deritale.

I no longer have any problem at all and do not have to consider what food I should have or how to eat it.

Life has changed dramatically. The



dentures are so stable I no longer have to cut an apple to eat it. Another great benefit is that I don't have to continu-

ally wash my dentures.
I can understand how people would feel nervous about having implants. I am 81 and certainly don't feel too old to invest in such a life-changing expe-

Peter's story

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On my first consultation I explained

On my first consultation I explained the difficulty I was having in stopping my lower dentures from moving around and not being retained in a comfortable position.

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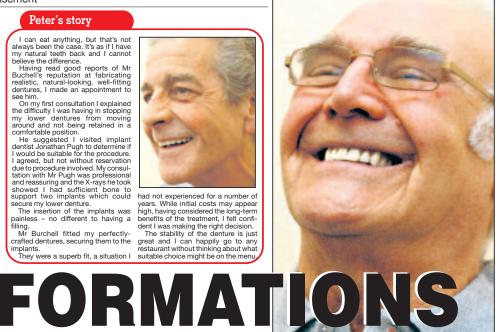
filling.

Mr Burchell fitted my perfectly-crafted dentures, securing them to the implants.

They were a superb fit, a situation I



had not experienced for a number of years. While initial costs may appear high, having considered the long-term benefits of the treatment, I felt confident I was making the right decision. The stability of the denture is just great and I can happily go to any restaurant without thinking about what suitable choice might be on the menu.



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Terry's story

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My dentist eventually referred me to Mr Burchell to see if there was some way of making my plates fit properly. The difference now is a world apart. My plates fit prefectly, look like my real teeth and I can live life impulsively once again. Before, if I was going to a restaurant, I would have to use a fixative to secure my teeth. That was okay if I could eat within a couple of hours of using

the fixative. Anytime after that, it was hopeless, but now I can tackle anything. Previously, I had never been in contact with an actual denture-maker, teeth had always been prescribed through a dentist and the difference for me was incredible. There were five stages on the route to my final prescription and the treatment I received at

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College £5m new look takes shape



Jason Carpenter, left, Greswolde site manager John Logan, Jan Brennan, Jacquie Carman, Jim Diston, college estate director

A £5 MILLION extension at a Dudley college is shooting upwards rapidly, with the steel structure now in place.

Contractors have been working to create a new teaching block at Halesowen College. Animal care, science and IT students will be based within the multi-million-pound block.

Students on animal care courses will also be able to use an outside courtyard which will be created as part of the plans.

A rooftop science garden forms part

A rooftop science garden forms part of the development by Greswolde Con-struction off Whittingham Road, Hale-

It is part of a £20 million redevelop-ment scheme planned for the college to update the Whittingham Road campus.

Standards

Halesowen College principal Keith Bate said: "Our new building is starting to take shape and it is very exciting. "New and existing students will benefit from this brand new block which will further enhance our teaching facilities and provide excellent equipment incorporating the latest technology for our students.
"These are very popular subjects and we also have a new veterinary nursing

Inese are very popular sunjects and we also have a new veterinary nursing course starting in September. We pride ourselves on our high standards and our modern teaching environment."

Mr Bate added: "The new block is being funded by the college which shows the strength of investment in our future and our students' future."

Phase one of the new-look college.

Phase one of the new-look college was completed in September 2009.

Cash joy to secure future of Old Hall

THOUSANDS THOUSANDS of pounds in council funding is to be set aside to maintain at Haden Hill's historic Old Hall.

Sandwell Council has diverted £17,500

has diverted £17,500 to cover renovations at the building, which dates back to the Tudor era.

The money will come from the authority's property maintenance account.

Protect

Councillor Ann S h a c k l e t o n , Sandwell's culture and leisure boss, said: "I have met with the Friends of the Hall and they were over the moon."

Old Hall is not listed, but she prom-ised to look at options to maintain its facade to maintain its facade and history. The Victorian stable block at Old Hall, in Halesowen Road, Cradley Heath, could be put up for sale in a bid to protect the building. The block, which has lain empty for decades, includes four stables, tack rooms, coach house, workshop and grooms' accommodation.



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now vacant, and retail experts warn that some high streets will never return to their pre-recession days.

Town centre vacancy rates nationally rose from 12 per cent at the end of 2009 to 14.5 per cent at the end of 2010, according

to the Local Data Company. In the West Midlands the overall figure is 19 per cent, with up to 25 per cent in worst-hit areas. Figures from October-January show 17 per cent of units vacant in Brierley Hill, 20 per cent in Dudley, eight per cent in Stour-bridge and four per cent in Halesowen.

Dudley Council deputy leader Les Jones said: "Obviously the recession has affected all sorts of retail businesses everywhere."

LDC director Matthew Hopkinson said: "A legitimate question should be whether it will ever fall back to the low levels seen in the thriving pre-recession times."

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Try to speak English, **MP urges immigrants**

Hats off to restoration of church



Workers and residents celebrate repairs starting on St John's Church, Dudley

Workers and residents celebrate repairs starting on \$t John's Church, Dudley IT WAS cheers all round as workers started the painstaking process of restoring a landmark Dudley church. The first stage of a project to transform and reopen \$t John's Church, in Kates Hill, Dudley, started last week. Costs for the works could stretch to £1million. A preservation society, formed to try and reopen the church which shut in 2002 due to safety fears, has helped raise about \$23,000 towards the first phase of work. Contractors Elcock and Wood began the

Britain should be prepared to "speak English, pay their way and play by the rules", says a Dudley MP.

MP.
Labour MP Ian Austin backed comments made by Prime Minister David Cameron about multiculturalism.
Now MrAustin has called for a debate on citizenship and "what it means to be British". He believes Britain needs to promote its national identity.
Mr Cameron said there was a need for a stronger national identity to stop people turning to extremism — and an end to "state multiculturalism" encouraging different communities to live separate lives.

Values

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In Parliament Mr Austin called for a Commons debate on what he described as an "important speech" by Mr Cameron. The Dudley North MP said it was crucial that the country should "discuss how we can build a much stronger sense of what it means to be British".

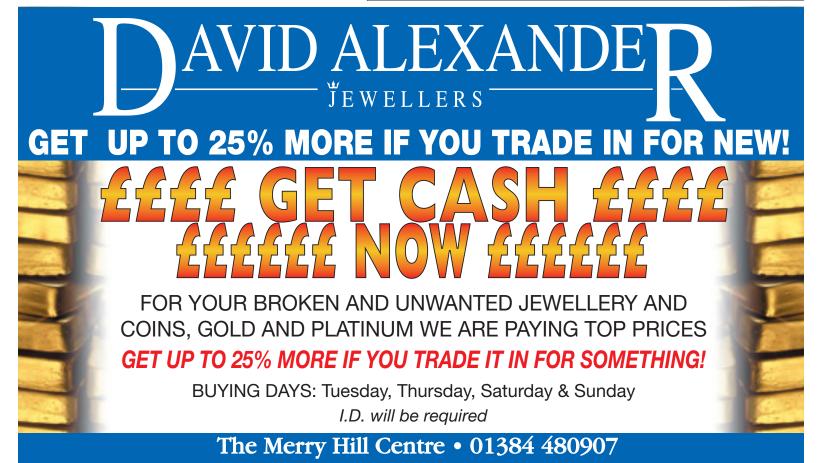
This, he said, is "based on the contribution that people are prepared to make whether they want to work hard, play by the rules, pay their way, whether they are prepared to speak English, because that is the only way to play a full role in British society, and their commitment to the great British values of democracy, equality, freedom, fairness and tolerance".

Labour's shadow justice secretary Sadiq Khan accused Mr Cameron of effectively "writing propaganda for the EDL".

Thug knocks woman over and steals her handbag

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A WOMAN was knocked over by a thug
who snatched her bag as she walked
through Dudley town centre.
The 40-year old was walking along
Nelson Road when a man came up behind
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Transport.
The cash has been handed to Dudley Council to run Bike-ability, which teaches children the skills and confidence needed to ride safely on today's roads.
The road

The road 1,600 extra places on the course, aimed at school pupils aged nine to

The course can cater for everyone from a beginner through to an experienced cyclist hoping o gain advanced skills.

Schools or ndividuals that would like to find out teaching block and dining hall at a Dudley school have been backed by council planners.

council planners.
Hillcrest School and Community
College, in Netherton, wants to proceed
with the development on land next to the
playing fields.
The proposals have been recommended
for approval by Dudley Council's development control committee.
The plans are a modified version of a
previous application which was given the
nod in 2008. The school is now looking to
increase its yearly intake from 180 pupils
to 210.

Sunscreen

Sunscreen

The new block will be built with a curved floor plan and will also include offices and staff rooms alongside the classrooms.

The plans will also see a two-storey dining room built on part of the existing car park. This too will be built in a contemporary style in a square shape but with an elongated point at one end.

Both buildings at the Simms Lane school will also contain a freestanding sun screen, which will be built following the curve of the teaching block.

The existing dining room dates from 1958 when the school was built and only caters for 150 pupils.

It means the main hall also has to be used at lunch times as up to 400 pupils could be on one sitting.

Rule-change on use of festive decoration

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Councillor Mary Docker, secretary of Blackheath Business and Community Association, said it would not be applying to use the council's Christmas trees.



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Scrapyard swag just adult DVD

WOULD-BE metal thieves who raided a scrapyard made off with only an adult DVD, a court heard.

Michael Wesson, aged 23, of Jason Road, Stourbridge, and Paul Sedgewick, aged 18, of Grace Road in Tipton, were told they face jail terms after admitting trespass and theft at Metal Micky's, in Bradleys Lane, Tipton, on February 6. The pair moved metal cylinders around with forklift trucks before they were chased from

the yard by a police officer and his dog, Warley magistrates were told last week. Sedgewick produced the DVD from a pocket and said he had taken it from the scrapyard.

Maxine Jarrousse, prosecuting, said the pair were spotted on CCTV at 11.30pm on February 6 and police were called. Magistrate Paul Woodin, adjourning for reports before sentencing on March 8, said: "Our preliminary indication is custody for the both of you at this stage."

Overdose man found dead by friend at flat

Brothers setting pace for tribute

BROTHERS Dave and

BROTHERS Dave and Stuart Antcliff will be paying tribute to their late father while raising money for charity by competing in a Dudley running challenge.

The pair will don their trainers to take part in the five-mile Action Heart run on Sunday, February 27 which starts and finishes at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

They are raising

Hospital.
They are raising money in memory of their father John who died of a heart attack in January, aged 69.
To help them in their fundraising quest they have also enlisted their aunt, John's sister, Pamela Cashmore, aged 70, who will also be running.

running.
Dave, aged 38, of
Gornal, works as a fire-fighter at Dudley Fire Donations to the cause

can be left at www.justgiving.com/the-nose-bros or by cheque to Dave Antcliff, c/o Dudley Fire Station, Burton Road, Dudley, DY1 3BZ.



Firefighter Dave Antcliff and brother Stuart, who are to do a charity run in memory of their father John

dose and after drinking a large amount of alcohol, an inquest heard.

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Christopher Byrne, aged 30, of Stourbridge Road, collapsed at the home of a friend last March and was later found to have stopped breathing. Paramedics were called to Claverley Court, Vicarage Prospect, Dudley, but could not save him. Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain recorded a verdict of accidental death at last week's inquest held at Dudley Coroners Court.

Cocaine

Mr Byrne had met up with three friends and had gone to the Claverley Court flat where crack cocaine and heroin were smoked.

smoked.

He later collapsed and his friend believed he just needed to sleep off the effect of drugs and alcohol. Later they found his lips had turned blue and he had stopped breathing.

Thieves caught loading metal girders onto lorry

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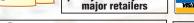
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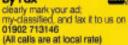
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Fans flock to author Jacqueline

BEST-SELLING children's author Dame Jacqueline Wilson met hundreds of her

met hundreds of her devoted fans when she spent a day at a Black Country school. Jacqueline has been a regular visitor to the Dudley area since she launched Dudley Chil-dren's Book Group in 1998.

Latest

She was welcomed back to the Earls High School, Halesowen, to talk about her life, her work and her latest book. Lily Alone.
It is currently top It is query and produced her first "novel" at the age of nine, filling numerous exercise books. She was a journalist in her teens. She was welcomed back to the Earls High

seller in the children's books lists.

Jacqueline spent an afternoon last week in a question and answer session with 60 pupils from Halesowen's Hasbury Church of England School and Ham Dingle Primary,

Pedmore, Stourbridge.

In the evening 290 guests, including teachers, parents, librarians and school governors, also questioned Jacqueline.



Jacqueline Wilson with, from left, Hasbury CofE Primary School pupils Chloe Whitehouse and Suzanne Dear and Ham Dingle Primary School pupils Beth Morgan, Harrison Martin-Lawes, and Amber Loyndes

One in million illness kills Scout leader

A GRIEVING widow has spoken about her husband's death from a sudden and dev-

death from a sudden and devastating brain illness that strikes "one in a million".

Scout leader and father-of-three Stuart Hanslow, aged 53, was being treated for stress and depression as he became forget-ful. But he was diagnosed with "sporadic" Creutzfelt-Jakob Disease (CJD), a version caused by random changes in the brain, tree hours before he died.

Tests following his death, at Hospital, Dudley, but transferred

Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, on January 28, have eliminated the variant of CJD caused by eating infected meat.

IT consultant Mr Hanslows widow Jo, 52, said at the family home in Habberley Road, Kidder minster: "He was going downhill quite quickly and by Christmas his spaceh bad groue If he tried to Space and Mrs Hanslow, a sales assistant at Marks & Space are in Kidderminster."

Sates assistant at Marks & Spencer in Kidderminster.

Mr Hanslow was troop leader of the 8th Kidderminster St John's Scout Group and his children are Samantha, aged 23, Daniel, 20, and Drew, 15.

Student in career talk

A FORMER Halesowen A FORMER Halesowen College student who now has a career in the nuclear industry returned to give a talk about his experiences. Amritpal Singh Agar was an A-level student at Halesowen College

around six years ago; he now works at Leicester-based engineering firm Babcock International

Group.
Amritpal, who lives in Amritpal, who lives in Smethwick, recently become a Science, Tech-nology, Engineering and Mathematics ambassa-dor for the West Mid-lands.

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THE WAY I SEE IT

Education the platform for a new industrial revolution

WHAT have David Cameron and Nick Clegg got

WHAT have David Cameron and Nick Clegg got against young people in Dudley? First they treble tuition fees and risk putting univer-sity out of reach for most school pupils in our town. Then they scrapped the Educational Maintenance Allowance which helps so many local youngsters stay

Allowance which helps so many local youngsters stay on at college.

After that they abolished the careers advisers helping young people find jobs, training or apprenticeships. Now they've axed the Future Jobs fund which would have created 200,000 new jobs for young people.

Not surprisingly youth unemployment has soared under the Conservative-led government with 70,000 more young people out of work than when they took power. This takes the number of young people unemployed to close to a million, the highest since records began.

And the outlook for 2011 doesn't look any better with the Office of Budget Responsibility forecasting students in Dudley parsity title and the properties of the students at them when they had previously thought.

than they had previously thought.

The fact is the recession has been over for more than a year and unemployment should now be falling.

But as a result of David Cameron's reckless management of the economy, five unemployed people are chasing every job vacancy and finding work is becoming harder and harder for young people.

students in Dudley particularly hard as four out of five of the students at Dudley College receive the funds to help pay for travel, books and equipment to help with their studies.

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memployment should now be falling. But as a result of David Cameron's reckless management of the economy, five unemployed people are chasing every job vacancy and finding work is becoming harder and harder for young people. Their decision to cut the Educational Maintenance Allowance has hit



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She said the branch would council 23 people have been sent letters asking them to consider redundancy.











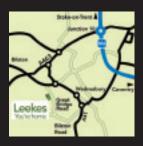


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Very special celebrations for two local residents



Pals keeping me young at 103, declares Jack

DATES with much younger "girlfriends

DATES with much younger "griftrends" and weekly outings to the pub with the "lads" are helping to keep Jack Jones young at heart – at the age of 103.

The Stourbridge centenarian has three regular dates but says the top of his list and his "sweetheart" is 59-year-old Adele Cleeton, of Kingswinford, who takes him out to the theatre and restaurants and visits him at least once a week.

once a week.

He met Adele about eight years ago when she was

Theatre in Wolverhampton soon."

Adele said: "Jack is the nicest young man that I know and we have a lovely, platonic relationship."

Jack, who lives off Enville Street, Stourbridge, also goes on outings with a 36-year-old from Brierley Hill, who recently took him to the cinema in Merry Hill, and a 72-year-old from Hagley who visits him twice a week and takes him on drives.





Sugary tea's the sweet secret of Florence, 103

DOUBLE celebrations were held last week when Florence Reeve became a great grandmother for the third time — on her 103rd birthday, on Valentine's Her birthday, on Valentine's Day, was even more special with the birth of great-grands on John, were bone of the birthday, on Valentine's Day, was even more special with the birth of great-grands on John, were son Yuzuna in Paris that morning.

Mrs Reeve's day started with morning coffee with family at the Queen's Hotel, Belbroughton. In the afternoon a party with entertainment was held at Breach House residential home, in Holy Cross Lane, Belbroughton, where she has lived for the last six years.

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Always remove potato tubers from the netting bag they have been supplied in immediately.

If you allow the shoots to grow through the netting they will be snapped off as soon as the bag is opened. When you get your purchase home, set the tubers out in egg boxes or the bottom of a seed tray and keep them somewhere in good light that is cool and frost-free.

This technique, called chitting, will encourage the potatoes to produce sturdy shoots ready for planting out later.

planting out later.

It's not too early to sow seeds of tomatoes, especially those for growing in a greenhouse or conservatory. While you will be able to buy seedling plants of common varieties such as Alicante and Moneymaker from your garden centre in April, it is much more difficult to find ready-grown plants of unusual varieties such as Incas

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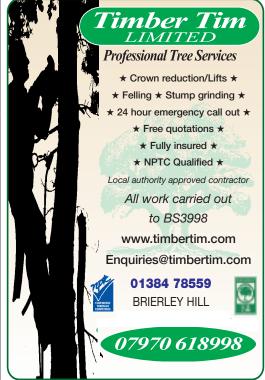
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Ben Drew - better known as Plan B

There is Plan B for sell-out gig

FRESH from winning the award for best British male solo artist at the Brits, Ben Drew -- better known as Plan B - will be playing in front of a sold out capacity audience at Wolverhampton Clivic Hall on Thursday, March 3. It may be the last time many fans get to see him in a medium-sized venue before the arena tours.

Emerging from London's grime music scene, Plan B became massively popular in 2010 thanks to the million-selling album The Defamation of Strickland Banks, which blends rap with potent songwriting.

The single She Said was part of the year's essential soundtrack and Stay Too Long was a hit on the dancefloors. Meanwhile, he is about to release his latest single from the album, Writing's On The Wall.

Singer-songwriter Liam Bailey, who is being championed by Amy Winehouse and is signed to her music label, will be supporting Plan B at the Civic.



RITAIN'S Got Talent finalists Flawless bring their dazzling dance skills to Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Friday, March 4. The 10-man troupe, pictured right, from London present their Chasing The Dream spectacular, which showcases their talents ranging from street dance and hip hop to jazz and modern interpretation.

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Brit winner Cee Lo Green will be appearing at Birmingham

Brit winner Cee Lo ready for Brum date

SOUL man Cee Lo Green, who won the international male solo artist award at the Brits, performs his rescheduled gig at Birmingham's O2 Academy on March 28.

The American had a massive hit with Forget You (and its expletive strewn original version) and his album The Lady Killer.

Other gigs to watch out for: eunited Boyzone at the LG Arena at the NEC on Wednesday, featuring a tribute to the late Stephen Gately; Hawaiian singing sensation Bruno Mars has sold out his Birmingham HMV Institute gig on March 15; Adele has added concerts at Wol-

verhampton Civic Hall on September 10 and 11 to follow her HMV Institute gig on April 18; Welsh rockers Manic Street Preachers play Wolverhampton Civic Hall on May 19; Welsh rock hero Gruff Rhys, of The Super Furry Animals, gigs with suffrockers Y Niwl at Birmingham Glee Club this Sunday; double Brit winner Tinie Tempah will fill Birmingham's O2 tonight (Thursday); megastars to announce shows at the LG Arena are Neil Diamond (June 28) and Dolly Parton (September 2). Old punks will be at the Robin, Bilston, on Thursday (tonight) for Anti-Nowhere League.



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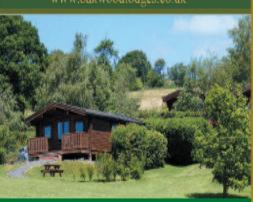
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FEMALE 51, slim, 5ft 4ins, genuine, caring, seeks soul mate who is genuine and caring. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 356761 [♠]

DO you know what women want? 40yi old petite lady needs spoiling and lots of love by attractive male, 45-55. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 327573 🗃

SLIM professional, attractive, amiable lady, 55, seeks genuine, articulate, professional gent, 55 plus with GSOH and enjoys the good things in life. Tel No: enjoys the good things in life. '0905 436 6562 Box No: 356411

OPEN friendly Christian female, professional, seeks kind, caring, Christia male for friendship and more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 348867

YOUNG looking, pretty female, 40, brunette, slim, no ties, N/S, seeks attractive, refined male for friendship/relation-ship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 313115

SLIM attractive 44yr old female, N/S, no ties, likes travel, nights out, seeks male, 40-50 for LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 341491

ATTRACTIVE 40yr old female, brunette slim, trendy, no ties, high morals, seeks slim male for friendship/relationship. Te No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 316619

HELEN 38, one child, blonde hair, 5ft 6ins, slim, attractive, likes swimming, dancing, seeks male, 43-53 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 ship, maybe more. 1e 6562 Box No: 331399

YUMMY mummy looking for gent with GSOH to put much needed fun back into my life. No pressure just good honest fun. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No:

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FEMALE kind, giving, thoughtful, sensitive, seeks lifetime friend to love and

72YR old widower, smart, likes travel, conversation, dancing, cooking, missing that special man in her life who is easy-going and N/S. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 349265

ATTRACTIVE single mum. 40, outgoing. seeks similar guy for good times, possible relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 348919

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LISA 32, size 8, seeks male, 32-48 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 346713 ∯ 28YR old brunette, seeks fun loving adventurous male for relationship. Te No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 380918 🗎

ATTRACTIVE glamorous, black female young 44, seeks male for friendship/dat-ing and LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6562

LADY 76, N/S, caring, respectable WLTM gentleman, 70-76 for outings holidays, day trips and friendship. Te No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 340021

ATTRACTIVE slim female, 64, divorced, truthful, 5ft 3ins, modern, young at heart, eeks genuine, nice looking, clean male, 7-67. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No:

LADY N/S, car owner, seeks lonely, retired gent with old fashioned values for friendship/days out and holidays. Stourbridge. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 354183

ATTRACTIVE female, 45, slim, affectionate, intelligent, seeks honest, caring male for fun and friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 301001

MARIA 38, blonde, 5ft 5ins, caring, likes nights in/out, seeks caring male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 329319 #

ATTRACTIVE nurse, 48, 5ft 6ins, cine-ma, walks, country, WLTM attractive

SLIM attractive, self sufficient lady, 44, GSOH, seeks special male, 35-50 to GSOH, seeks special male, 35-50 to share evening in/out, theatre, possible relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 351813 🗒

60YR old lady, young at heart, divorced, medium build, likes kisses, cuddles, seeks gent, 50-61 with GSOH and similar likes. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 334627

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ATTRACTIVE slim blonde, 45, seeks honest, genuine, caring male, 45-55 for fun and friendship, maybe LTR. Tel No:

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ATTRACTIVE Tall, black female, 51, 6ft, slim-medium build, kind, honest, considerate, own home, seeks genuine, tall, erate, own home, seeks genuine, tall, faithful, 6ft plus male, 45-70 with own home for serious relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 349211

53YR old female, young at heart, likes cinema, theatre, meals out, pubs, walks, cinema, theatre, meals out, pubs, walks, holidays, seeks genuine, trustworthy male, 48-56. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 339275

WEST Midlands female, 4, attractive slim, divorced, N/S, seeks slim, clean, attractive male. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 343735

BLONDE attractive, educated lady, tall, slim, curvy, 47, seeks tall, professional, 40-52. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362478 🗓

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MAGS 62, N/S, likeminded, GSOH, 5tt 4ins, brown hair, slightly podgy, likes meals out, countryside, days out, nights in, seeks gent, 55-67 for triendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 maybe more. Te Box No: 328787 Box No: 328787

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48YR old male, own home/business, likes singing, seeks happy female to spoil. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No:

MALE 38, 5ft 9ins, medium build, honest, reliable, trustworthy, seeks similar female, 35-45. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 317403 🗒

32YR old guy, likes music, cooking, joking, seeks female, 40-45 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 332365 ∄ ₩

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TALL fit good looking friendly guy with GSOH, 49, seeks adventurous lady for fun only, daytime liaisons. Halesowen. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 358747

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WEST Bromwich male 46, 5ft 8ins, fair hair, hazel eyes, seeks female, 20-45 for relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 358643 🗒

ATTRACTIVE tall, dark, professional male, 45, GSOH, likes sports, socialising, good company, seeks attractive female with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No:

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TALL handsome male, 41, GSOH, likes romantic days/nights in/out, WLTM attractive, down to earth, young lady, 35-55, size unimportant. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 346611 🖞 🛍

MALE 44, medium build, likes motorsport, seeks special lady. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 348221

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MALE late 40's, hurt in past, seeks lady for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: og triendship, maybe more. In 0905 436 6562 Box No: 359451

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HANDSOME attractive, fit, professional trucker, 38, WLTM attractive, honest, caring lady/mum, 31-45 for LTR. Colour unimportant. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 219790 6

YOUNG looking male, 50, seeks dark haired female, 20-45. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 357745 MALE 60's, widower, seeks nice lady who likes shooting, country life and sports. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 357559

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62YR old widower, OHAC, GSOH, many interests, seeks female to love and cherish, 50-60. Halesowen/Stourbridge. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 357347 🛱

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MALE attractive, 52, seeks older, mature female, 60-70, any status or size. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No:



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MALE 34, attractive, 5ft 10ins, blue eyes, blond hair, seeks slim male for fun relationship. Any area, can travel. Te No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 311892 80

GAY male, 55, seeks similar gay male, 18-80 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 355301 🖁

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Song and dance at their best in shows

PRING is in the air at Birming-ham Hippodrome where the Birmingham Royal Ballet perform Frederick Ashton's

Birmingham Royal Ballet perform Frederick Ashton's brightly coloured rural idyll La Fille mal gardee from Wednesday to Saturday, March 2 to 5.

A beauty upsets the apple cart when she falls in love with a farm lad in this enchanting family favourite ballet. When producer and director Bill Kenwright brings his production of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, on Tuesday and audiences will undoubtedly recognize the young man in the leading role.

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Keith Jack was one of the most popular finalists in the hit BBC series Any Dream Will Do.
Watched by millions every Saturday night, the show was produced to find a leading man for Andrew Lloyd Webber's Joseph revival in the West End production. Young Glaswegian



Keith Jack plays Joseph



La Fille mal gardee – Michael O'Hare as Widow Simone with artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet. *Photograph Bill Cooper*

Birmingham Royal Ballet Keith charmed audiences week after week with his vocal talents, finally coming in a close second to Lee Mead. He went on to play the Narrator in the UK tour of Joseph and returns for the 2011 tour in the lead role. The Scottish singer and actor has appeared as Aladdin at the King's Theatre Glasgow, the title role in Peter Pan in Aberdeen and created the lead role of Charlie in the new musical Only the Brave, which premiered at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. He has released two albums. His debut called This Time went into the Top 40. His most recent album An Evening at the Musicals was released last year.

Evening at the Musicals was released last year.
He will be wearing the coat of many colours at the Grand for six days.
Wild At Heart actress Dawn Steele leads an all-star cast in Agatha Christle's Verdict, which had its first performance at the Grand more than 50 years ago, at the Lichfield Street theatre to Saturday night.
Rachel Kavanaugh directs Lucy Caldwell's Notes To Future Self, about the daughters of a 'New Age' globetrotter who return to Birmingham,

re as Widow Simone with artists of : Photograph Bill Cooper
which gets its premiere at the Mac in Cannon Hill Park, Edgbaston, on Thursday, March 3, and runs to March 12 before touring.
Dudley's most farmous son, comedian Lenny Henry will be bringing his musical memories from Cradle to Rave to Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre on Monday and will be back in the area for a gig at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on March 10.
Other comedy highlights include musical surrealism from Boothby Graffoe on Tuesday at the Arena Theatre in Wolverhampton; Geordie comedienne Sarah Millican has sold out her Chatterbox dates at Birmingham Town Hall tomorrow (Friday) and at the Wulfrun Hall in Wolverhampton on March 6; and Craig Campbell has sold out his Slade Rooms gig in Wolverhampton tomorrow.
The region's big musical blockbuster is The Sound of Music, with Jason Donovan and Verity Rushworth, which continues at Hanley's Regent Theatre in the Potteries until March 5. Disney On Ice present Disneyland Adventure at the LG Arena of the NEC this week with last performances on Sunday.

No more burger van but Angelos is on the road

Shooting Star sensation Angelos Epithemiou is coming to the Black Country for the first time, as he tells **LEON BURAKOWSKI** via a dodgy mobile line

GRECO-LONDON former burger van vendor Angelos Epithemiou, the comedy cradion of Dan Renton Skinner, is making one of his rare journeys outside the confines of the M25 to bring his distinctive wit and wisdom to the folk of Wolverhampton and Birmingham.

I caught up with Angelos via his dodgy mobile on a noisy street in the capital and he told me that though he had been to Birmingham before, he had never been to the Black Country - "though! I did once visit Tinidad".

His recently found fame via

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His recently found fame via
the series of Vic Reeves and
Bob Mortimer's Shooting
Stars spoof panel show, first
as a panellist in place of
Johnny Vegas and now as the
keeper of the scores.

He says it beats dispensing burgers and bacon sand-

wiches. "OMG! The burger van has

"OMG! The burger van has been destroyed by mysterious forces," says Angelos. "There is no more burger van, so thanks for bringing that up. "I got four grand on the insurance and I spent that on a tusk that I bought off eBay. Everyone's into elephants these days. It's a plastic tusk." Mortimer 'discovered' Angelos when presenting him with a mobile caterer of the year award.

What did Angelos think about his madcap hosts Reeves and Mortimer: "They're a pair of idiots basi-

cally but I keep them in order and they pay all right." He has other business ideas, including his own version of Poundland. He's already got some wetsuits that he will be knocking out at £30 a piece. "They were in a shop that got flooded. They've shrunk but they're all right," he says.



Asked if he will miss the focus of his affections on Shooting Stars, Ulrika Jonnson, while on the road, Angelos says: "Well, yeah, but I've got all sorts of cameras set up to look at her." Catch up with Angelos Nei Epithemiou at the Wulfrun Hall on Wednesday, March 9, or at the HMV Institute in Birmingham on Friday and Saturday, March 11 and 12.

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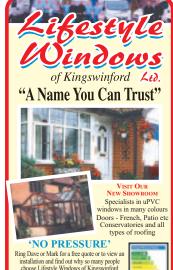






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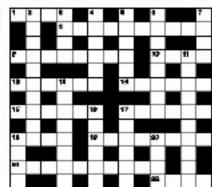
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Comedy is not black and white for Jim and Matt

Unlikely partners in laughter tell **LEON BURAKOWSKI** how they developed mutual respect

ONTROVERSIAL comedian Jim Davidson has been accused of being racist, sexist and even anti-disabled but he will be taking the accusations head on in Wolverhamp-

taking the accusations head on in Wolverhampton this spring.

The 58-year-old East End comic has been to Wolverhampton many times, he married (and then divorced) a Wolverhampton girl, fourth wife Tracy Hilton.

But this time instead of a comedy gig at the Civic Hall, he will be treading the boards at the Grand Theatre, starring in a play he wrote himself which looks at the serious side of comedy.

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at the serious side of comedy.

The comic with four ex-wives and several children to support, and who was nearly bankrupted by an eyewatering tax bill, is challenging audiences to examine what makes them laugh in Stand Up And Be Counted at the Grand from April 9, for a week.

Written during Davidson's self-imposed exile in Dubai, he will be periorming stand-up comedy and looking for lots of laughs.

However, it will not be as Jim but in character as washed-up old comic Eddie Pearce, a character so lost better as washed-up old comic Eddie Pearce, a character so lost better as washed-up old comic Eddie Pearce, a character so lost better as washed-up old comic Eddie Pearce, a character so lost better as washed-up old comic Eddie Pearce, a character so lost with some and bigoted that he makes Davidson book like Eddie Izard.

And he will be facing competition for laughs from a hard-hitting young black comedian, Earl T Laurence, played by Matt Biaize, who is a star of the London stand-up comedy circuit.

Other characters include a gay icon and a reality TV bimbo thrown together with her two comedians to perform at an Aids victims benefit concert.

Davidson and Blaize may seem as different as Chalky and cheese but the two have developed a mutual respect, though that was not always the case.

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"I remember Jim on TV when I was a complex of the properties of the proper

'Chalky' character voice I would get hell in the playground the next day," says



Matt Blaize and Jim Davidson at The Grand Theatre, Wolver-hampton, where they will be appearing in Davidappearing in David-son's play Stand Up And Be

Be Counted!

Matt. The two met when playing different parts of the same venue, Davidson in the big room upstairs and Blaize in the small comedy club.

"Matt came up to me and gave me a stiff talking to about old school comedians, like young guys do. I said 'oh b****'s what do you know?" says Jim.

"Then we actually got to know each other. I went to see his act and I did find him funny, It's as if he makes it up at that moment. Matt's stuff was genuine, from the heart, and I believed every word.

INSUITANCE

surprise support act. "Matt's been working my lot and, I tell you, some of those front rows... you couldn't make one proper human out of the whole lot of them," says Jim.

East Ender Blaize has 10 years experience compared to the older comic's five decades in show business.

Asked why he put himself in front of a potentially hostile audience, he explains: "It is very easy to preach to the converted. What's controversial about saying things to people who want to hear it – try saying it to people who don't want to hear it very easy the saying things to people who don't want to hear it very easy have haven't yet got Jim to perform in Brixton in front of 300 angry Rastafarians"

Blaize appreciates Davidson's craft, his timing and way he can work a crowd and Davidson responds: "Matt is a better comic than me when I started out. I just did joke after joke after joke. "Cartoon black accent, silly Irish accent. Now I've been doing it for 45 years and I am a good performer technically." The comedian, who first found

years and I am a good performer tech nically." The comedian, who first found

fame on TV talent show New Faces in the early 1970s, revealed that it was money and girls that fired his ambition. "If I saw a good comic then, my first thought was "I've got to be funnier than him", he says. "I have been a star not because of my ability to make people laugh but because of my ability to make other people money. "But after New Faces I told my mum she would never have to work again, and she didn't ... the lazy cow!"

Shocking

The play is about the clash of culture, The play is about the clash of culture, generations and race but both men agree people should think about what makes them laugh. Matt says: "Comedy is going full circle with comedians prepared to say the most shocking things but that's OK because it is 'iron-ic'." Jim adds: "The difference between me and the character! play is that Eddie doesn't know what is offensive. I do. What we say on stage has conserverses." quences.

Agatha Christie's Verdict,
Wolverhampton Grand Theatre
VERDICT is a curio for Christie
fans. More melodrama than mystery,
this play thoughtfully ponders the
meaning of love and ethics. There is a
murder but we know whodunnit. The
1958-set story concerns a brilliant
Hungarian professor exiled in
London, his chronically ill wife and
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to her. Enter a dangerously determined young student who has
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Three Phantoms
Birmingham Hippodrome
THREE artists who have, between
them, clocked up 3,000 performances as The Phantom of the Opera, and one of the original Christines, joined forces for a one-night concert of songs from the shows that brought
West End sparkle to the Hippodrome.
Two of the Phantoms, Sunday's show organiser and MC Earl Carpenter and the current keeper of the white mask at Her Majesty's Theatre,
John Owen Jones, are no strangers

white mask at Her Majesty's I heatre, John Owen Jones, are no strangers to Birmingham, having played the leading roles of Javert and Jean Valjean respectively in the 25th anniversary touring production of Les Miserables in the city a year ago. The third Phantom, Matthew Cammelle, also had happy memories of Rum

also had happy memories of Brum having met his wife in a past produc-tion at the Hippodrome. Christine was the operatic soprano Rebecca Caines, who originated the role of Cosette in Les Mis and then played Christine opposite Michael

played Christine opposite Michael The Sound of Music Regent Theatre, Stoke
HOW do you solve a problem like replacing a TV famous Maria? Get in Verity Rushworth. Problem solved. The former Emmerdale actress has stepped into the role recently vacated by Connie Fisher and has lift up Andrew. Lloyd Webber's touring revival of the blockbuster Rodgers and Hammerstein musical.
The production's star name is Jason Donovan as Captain von Trapp, who got lots of oohs and one excited "here he is" from the many ladies in

who got loss and one wanted "here he is" from the many ladies in the Stoke audience, but it's Verity's energetic, funny and fine voiced Maria who makes the show. Her scenes with a charming troupe of von Trapp children, led by Claire FishenThere is one twist but no puzzles for the little grey cells and the play is a slow burner. The drama gets intense. Christien never wrote another play like this, was she exorcising personal demons? It is well acted by the cast of ten with Ali Bastian particularly good as deadly deb Helen Rollarly good as deadly deb Helen Rollarder. Robert Duncan's professor had angst but lacked charisma. Harry Potter fans will spot Matthew Lewis (Neville Longbottom) as a student. Verdict continues to Saturday.

Leon Burakowski

Crawford and Colm Wilkinson's Phantoms. They were joined by the excellent 21-piece Concert Philhar-monic under the baton of former Phantom musical director Anthony Gabriele.

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The concert was presented with light-hearted humour, contrasting with the passionate intensity of many of the songs. The blockbusters were saved until after the interval. Then it was time for songs from Les Mis and both Phantom shows plus an inter-

was time to solicy a front Les wins and both Phantom shows plus an interesting selection from some of the Phantom of the Opera musicals that preceded Andrew Lloyd Webber's definitive final version.

The showstoppers came from Owen Jones, getting massive applause for his gorgeous tender version of Bring Him Home from Les Mis and a soaring Til I Hear You Sing Once More from Phantom sequel Love Never Dies. Then all three Phantoms joined forces for a very special version of the Phantom's best known song, Music Of The Night.

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Donovan's starchy Austrian/Ausstralian accented captain is a solid leading man but I was underwhelmed by his big number Edelweiss.
There is excellent support, both in the acting and singing departments, from Jacinta Mulcahy as the glamorous Baronness Schraeder, Martine Calla-ghan as the rogueish entrepreneur Max and Marilyn Hill Smith's operatic Mother Abbess. At one point her Climb Every Mountain seemed to blow away the abbey walls!

While it can never eclipse the movie version with that classic performance from Julie Andrews, this former London Palladium favourite still has a big production feel.

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still has a big production feel. It runs until March 5.



Insurance

"The fact that he had 150 people downstairs while I had 2,000 upstairs, that's going to change one day. He will be ringing me up saying 'do you want a support gig'. . . this is an insurance

policy!"
When he needed a sparring partner for his play, Blaize was the natural choice but he got a baptism of fire, preparing for the play and honing his

act in front of Davidson's audience as a

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- A luxuriously appointed deatched family
- ★ Quiet cul-de-sac location ★ Fully appearant
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 ★ Dining room and conservatory

 ★ Four bedrooms with en-suite to mast

 ★ South facing rear gen. Fully enhanced and upgraded by current owners

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 Four bedrooms with en-suite to master
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- ★ An ideal spacious family home with lots of living space
 ★Two reception rooms
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 ★ Four double bedrooms, two with ensuites

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HARLYN CLOSE, BRIDGEFIELDS

- ★ A luxuriosly appointed modern four bed detached ★ Lounge ★ 2nd reception room ★ Conservatory ★ Kitchen and rate.
- Conservatory Kitchen and utility
- ★ Downstairs cloakroom ★ Family bathroon
 ★ Master bedroom with ensuite
 ★ Garane
- ★ Garage
 ★ Private rear garden, sunny position

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £233,995



BENBECK GROVE

- A four bedroom detached family home cul-de-sac location
- ★ Extended to the rear. ★ Refurbished kitcher
 ★ Two reception rooms ★ Guest cloakroom
- ★ Ensuite to master bedroom, family
- bathroom
 Upvc double mglazing. Gas central heating
 Garage and block paved driveway
 Viewing highly recommended
- - Offers in the region of £219,9

MILKING BANK, DUDLEY

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- Upgraded four bedroomed detached convenient for Milking Bank primary school
- Lounge and separate dining room Kitchen & Utility room
- Family bathroom and guest cloakroom Four bedrooms with en-suite to master
- Four bedrooms with ensure to master
 Rear of garage converted into games room
 Driveway parking and good sized rear gardens

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WOODSETTON, DUDLEY



BIRMINGHAM NEW ROAD

- traditional detached property on a good
- A reduction of the property of a good sized plot Two reception rooms and extended kitche Downstairs shower room Three bedrooms Gas central heating Substantial rear gardens Gargae and driveway parking for several vehicles

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £190,000

BROWNSWALL, SEDGLEY



DUMBLEBERRY AVENUE

- nost desirable extended semi-detached on th
- o spacious reception rooms

- o Spatious Rec-eakfast kitchen s central heating cently installed UPVC double glazing (majority) Three double bedroo
- ★ Inree double bedrooms
 ★ Garage and off road parking
 ★ Well maintained rear garden
 ★ Viewing highly recommender

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £189,950

SEDGLEY



HIGH PARK CRESCENT

- ★ A traditional semi-detached full of charm and character
 ★ Imposing full height hallway.
 ★ Modern breakfast kitchen, open plan dining room
- ★ Delightful lounge
 ★ Three good sized bedrooms
 ★ Garage and driveway parking
 ★ No upward chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £189,950

TIPTON



WOODCROFT AVENUE

- An exceptionally well presenteded3 bedroomed detached

- bedroomed defached

 Extended downstairs accommodation

 Two reception rooms * Study

 Kitchen, utility * Downstairs cloakroom

 Upvc double glazing, gas central heating

 Immaculately maintained large rear garden,

 sumny aspect

 Karage, block paved driveway

 NIO LIPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £175,000

SEDGLEY



NORTHWAY

- A well maintained 3 bed semi-detached dormer bungalow
- dorner bungalow Excellent location with impressive views Lounge, kitchen, shower room Two bedrooms on ground floor Spacious first floor bedroom, potential for en-suite
- Gas central heating,upvc d glazed (majority)
 Garage and driveway parking
 NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £164,950

GORNAL WOOD



PRICES ROAD

- A delightful cottage in a quiet backwater just a short stroll from Gornal village
- a short stulin domai whage Pleasant lounge, seperate dining room Country style kitchen with utility room Large modern bathroom Two comfortable bedrooms, potential for

- en-suite

 * Upvc double glazing and gas central heating

 * Rear garden with sunny aspect

 * Block paved driveway

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £159.950



- PAGET CLOSE
- An extremely well presented semi-detached in a quiet cul-de-sac location Generous sized accommodation
- Lounge, kitchen and conservatory Three bedrooms, fiited wardobes in bedroom one Upvc double glazing, gas central heating

★ Block paved driveway and garage OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £157.500

DUDLEY



- NEWEY STREET Individually designed detached house located close to Milking Bank development with spectacular views from 1st floor.
- arge "L'shaped lounge/diner, modern kitcher ionservatory overlooking secluded rear
- e aood sized bedrooms

★ Three good sized beurooms ★ Bathroom with corner bath ★ Downstairs guest cloakroom ★ Garage OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £139.950

LOWER GORNAL



- THE ALLEY
- A tradional three bedroomed semi-detached in quiet location at the head of a cul-de-sac and close to the nature reserve
- Good sized lounge overlooking rear garden Dining kitchen , side lobby and hallway Gas central heating and upvc double glazing Pleasant tiered rear garden with a sunny position
- Garage and off road parking

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A most desirable modern townhouse

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- LOMOND ROAD, NORTHWAY ★ A deceptively spacious mid town house
- ★ Beautifully presented throughout
- ★ Lounge ★ Open plan modern kitchen & dining area
- ★ Downstairs cloakroom ★Three bedrooms
- **★**Two allocated parking spaces **★** NO LIPWARD CHAIN

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- MASLIN DRIVE
- with a garage

 ★ Popular residential location close to all

HURST HILL, COSELEY



- PAUL STREET A beautifully presented town house with a modern feel



- BOUNDARY HILL
- ★ Beautifully presented town house, close to Gornal Village
- Four bedrooms Lounge, good sized kitchen Bathroom & shower room
- Double glazing & gas central heating ★ Rear garden
 ★ Off road parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £124,950

TIPTON

MANOR ROAD

A generous sized three bed semi-deatched Residential area, convenient for local prima

Lounge, kitchen, conservatory
Modern bathroom with seperate showe cubicle

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £99,950

las central heating Upvc double glazing (majority)
Pleasant rear gardens.
VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

- ★ Off road parking for 2/3 cars

modern semi-detached, quiet i-de-sac loctaion ★ Lounge . modern dining kitchen Conservatory Two double bedroomds ★ Modern bathroom ★ Gas central heating Gas central heating, double glazing

★ A most desirable modern townhouse ★ In a quiet location at the end of a cul-de-sac, distant views ★ Open plan lounge and modern kitchen ★ Two double bedrooms ★ Upvc double glazing & gas central heating ★ Low mainenance sunny rear garden ★ Two allolead parking spaces ★ NO UPWARD CHAIN OFFERS IN THE REGION OF \$120.0



HILLSIDE

- HILLISIDE

 * A semi-detached in a popular location some updating required

 * Lounge and dining room/reception 2

 * Kitchen, rear lobby, downstairs wc.

 * Three good sized bedrooms

 * Bathroom

 * Large rear garden with sunny aspect

 * NO UPWARD CHAIN

 £1,000 CASHBACK ON COMPLETION
- OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £97,500



- CAPPONFIELD CLOSE

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £119,950





IVYHOUSE LANE

- * A splendid ground floor apartment in a quiet location
 * Refurbished and enhanced by the current owners
 * Modern kitchen & bathroom
 * One double bedroom
 * Garage and rear garden
 * Communal driveway parking
 * Viewing recommended
 - OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £84,950

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF \$132,500



- CENTRAL DRIVE A generous sized 3 bed traditional semi-★ Conveniently located for major road and
- rail links
 Lounge and dining kitchen
 Upvc double glazed * Gas central heating
 Modern fully tiled bathroom
 Good sized rear garden with outbuilding.
 Driveway parking for two cars. OFFERS IN THE REGION OF \$119,950



BROOKSIDE

A one bedroom ground floor flat, close to the Village centre. * Ideal for buy-to-let or first time buyers.
 * Good size lounge, kitchen and a newly refurbished modern 'white' bathroom
 * Upvc double glazed windows

★ Gas fired central heating.
★ Internal viewing recommended.

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £52,50



- ★ A traditional style semi-detached house
- Open plan lounge with dining area amenities (Strichen with separate utility Three bedrooms all with built-in wardrobes Upvc double glazing & Gas central heating Good sized rear garden with sunny aspect.

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF \$129,950



- BROOKDALE ★ Substantial sized three bed semi * Situated on a large corner plot beyond
- delightful front gardens
 Extended kitchen & bathroom
 Dining area * Lounge ★ Gas central heating

Part double glazed ★ Garage * Would benefit from internal updating OFFERS IN THE REGION OF \$115,000



BEVAN AVENUE

**A good sized first floor flat, close to all amenities

** Some updating required to bring the property to its full potential

** Lounge, kitchen, shower room

** Double bedroom with fitted wardrobes

** Gas central heating,

** Upvc double glazing (majority)

** No upward Chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £49,995

- modern feel

 * Two bedrooms, ensuite to master

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 * Famlly bathroom

 * Downstairs cloakroom

 * Upvc double glazing & Gas central heating

 * Well maintained rear garden, sunny aspect

 * Block paved driveway, parking for 2 cars

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF \$129,950

SEDGLEY

- KINGS ROAD A beautifully appointed three bedroomed tradional terrace in a popular area close to
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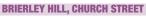
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- Impressive refurbished semi-detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Splendid lounge
- Superb refitted kitchen with appliances
- Refitted bathroom with shower over the bath UPVC double glazing & gas central heating
- Delightful front & rear
- Garage & communal parking

Reduced to just £525 pcm

in a separate area





CRADLEY HEATH, GRANVILLE ROAD

- Īwo double bedrooms
- Attractive lounge with gas fire Fitted dining kitchen with cooker & fridge/freezer
- Splendid semi-detached property Refitted bathroom with shower

- over bath

 Gas central heating & UPVC
- double glazing

 Large rear garden with patio area £495 pcm



- Impressive three storey
 - townhouse Three bedrooms
 - Splendid lounge
 - Superb refitted kitchen with oven & hob
 - Bathroom with shower over bath
 - UPVC double glazing
- Delightful rear garden Reduced to just £495 pcm



- Work beardon's formy master state for turniture)
 Superb lounge
 Splendid fitted kitchen with built in oven, hob
- and fridge/freezer, shower room

 UPVC double glazing and economy seven heating

 Alloated parking





PENSNETT, PRIMROSE PARK

- Impressive modern house Two bedrooms
- Splendid lounge/diner
- Sipperb breakfast kitchen Ground floor wc/cloakroom
- Bathroom with shower over bathUPVC double glazing &

gas central heating

• Landscaped rear garden Driveway

£550 pcm





BRIERLEY HILL, 115 DADFORD VIEW

- Impressive modern house Two bedrooms
- Superb lounge with gas fire
 Splendid refitted kitchen with
- Bathroom with shower over the bathUPVC double glazing
- Front & side gardens
 Allocated parking
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COSELEY



PORTLAND PLACE

galow. Accommodation briefly comprises: hall, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, two bed-rooms and bathroom. Further benefits in-clude: garage, off road parking, gardens and no upward chain. Viewing recommended.

DUDLEY

£174,950



LONDON HEIGHTS

A much improved and extended detached prop-erty, accommodation comprises entrance porch, dring room, lounge, study, lidchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended. Alarm



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UPPER ETTINGSHALL ROAD

A detached bungalow, accommodation comprises lounge, kitchen, conservatory, two bedrooms and bathroom, off road parking, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.



BYRON CRESCENT

A semi detached property in cul-de-sac location, accommodation comprises entrance porch, hall-way, through lounge/dining room, conservatory, kilchen, first fool naring having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garage, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. No Upward Chain.

DUDLEY

£139,950



NEWEY STREET

An individual detached property, comprises en-trance hallway, cloakroom, I-shaped lounge/din-ing room, fittled likthen, conservatory, first floor having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, grange, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly rec-ommended

SEDGLEY



CROWN CLOSE

DUDLEY



MAGDALEN CLOSE

accommodation comprises entrance porch, hall-way, two reception rooms, kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, garage, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. No Upward Chain

DUDLEY



COLSYLL GARDENS

SEDGLEY

£126,000



KINGS ROAD

WOODSETTON



SEDGLEY ROAD

property, refurbished maintaining many traditional features comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, first floor having two bedrooms and bathroom, third bedroom to second floor, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended. Alammed

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A well presented semi detached property backing onto open countryside, accommodation
comprises entrance halway, burge, dring oom,
kitchen, first floor landing hawing two bedrooms
and bathroom, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating.
Viewing highly recommended.

LOWER GORNAL



BROOKDALE

HOLLY HALL



BRADFORD ROAD

A semi detached property set on corner plot, ac-commodation comprises hallway, lounge, kitcher/diner, verandah, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, divieway, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.

NETHERTON



SALTWELLS ROAD

AALI WELLS NOAD

A mid terrace property, accommodation comprises lounge, kitchen/diner, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, garden to the front and rear, part double glazing as spedified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.

WOODSETTON



PARKES HALL ROAD

A traditional semi detached property, ac-commodation comprises entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/diner, first floor landing hav-ing three bedrooms and bathroom, drivewa garden to the rear, double glazing as speci-fied, gas central heating. No Upward Chain.

TIPTON



POWIS AVENUE

A traditional mid terrace property, accommoda-tion comprises entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, conservatory, first floor land-ing having three bedrooms. Garden to the rear, off road parking, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.



DOUGHTY CLOSE

A second floor two bedroom apartment, ac-commodation comprises lounge, kitchen, mas-ter bedroom with en-suite and further bedroom and bathroom, en-suite to master bedroom. No Upward Chain. Viewing highly recommended.

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BLUEBELL ROAD

A mid terrace property in need of refurbish-ment, accommodation comprises hall, lounge, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, first floor land-ing having three bedrooms and w.c., garden to the front and rear, double glazing as speci-fied, gas central heating. No upward chain.

TIPTON



KINGFISHER WAY

www.accommodation to comprise of: entrance hall, open plan lounge, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, allocated parking, double glazing and central heating. No upward chain.

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Bower Lane

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3 Chapel Street

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124 Tansey Green Road



This SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, EXPENSIVELY AND STYLISHLY RE-APPOINTED, TRADITIONAL SEM-DETACHED FAMILY HOME enjoys a superb setting, BACKING ONTO A PADDOCK to which delightful views can be enjoyed and affording an INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS LAYOUT of accommodation, including the second section of the section of the

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North Oval

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A conscientiously maintained, EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed end "starter home" upon wide corner plot with extensive gated block paved parking, and good distant views from rear. Spacious, excellent accommodation includes; reception hall, separate diring room, through living room with feature fireplace, extended L shape breaktast kitchen. Three generous bedrooms. bathroom. Large garage, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Cricket Meadow

A tremendously modernised & improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached with PANOFAMIC DISTANT VIEWS in an established/convenient and a seminary of the properties of the properti

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Penny Royal Close

This beautifully presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated mid townhouse is situated in a quiet cut de sac and may be of particular interest to first time buyers. The conscientiously maintained proeprby briefly comprises entrance porch, stylish lounge, dining kitchen with a fine range of units, two good bedrooms, bathroom, drivway & a pleasart rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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PENSNETT



Byron Street

Set in this established residential location, close to all local facilities, is this gas centrally heated, part double glazed, traditional style semi detached properly offering two bedroomed accommodation which comprises: inner hall, lounge, modern kitchen, guest we, two first floor bedrooms, modern bathroom, gardens to front and era, garage, burglar alam, uPVC gutter and fascia. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01394 265265

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PENSNETT



Rookery Park

Ideally suited to the first time buyer or young family is this traditional style three bedroomed semi detached property which is gas centrally heated and comprises: porch, hall, lounge, three first floor bedrooms, modern shower/wet room, gardens to the front and rear, verandah, driveway, garage, cavity wall insulation. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 26262.

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WOODSIDE



Bradford Road

This gas centrally heated and part uPVC double glazed property offers versatile accommodation which could be used for a variety of uses (subject to relevant planning). Formerly commercial premises but currently residential, the property has three bedrooms, large reception room/sales area, sitting room, kitchen, utility, bruglar alarm, cavity wall insulation, and a rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

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Mushroom Green

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Sandyfields Road

RARE OPPORTUNITY!! - De ack from the road and comprises; porclook fire road and comprises; porclook (multi fuel burner), sitting room, in sathroom (white suite), store, breakfast I inces), utility room & further store. The affine range of wardrobes, principal bedrange, large double 'contractors garage' will to front and side. SEDGLEY OFFICE 0199.

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Catherine Road, Hurst Hill

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PriEMENDOLE POTENTIAL A gas centrally heated & primarly uPVC double glazed detached bungslow growth of the primarly uPVC double glazed detached bungslow from the rear but now requiring some sympathetic updating. Accommodation provides entrance porch, central reception hall, three bedrooms, bathroom, lourge, breakfast ktichen, boby/utility area, garden (in neurol 1992 88/288.

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WOODSETTON



An ENLARGED, freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated (combibolier) semi detached on periphery of Bramford Estate within walking distance of so many amenities. Offering further potential, the well presented accommodation includes presented accommodation includes porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room, pantry, enlarged kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom. DRIVE THROUGH GARAGE & good size rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902

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Colsyll Gardens (Off Westley Street)

Colsyll Gardens (Ult Westley Street)
A stylish, recently constructed, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached constructed circa 2007 by Lovell Homes and covered by remainder of NHBC guarantee. Accommodation provides entrance hallway, fitted cloakroom, 175° through lounge, CONSERWATORY, well equipped breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units/various appliances, THREE BEDROMS (one with en suite), bathroom, GARAGE, garden, SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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WOODSETTON

UPPER GORNAL



Burton Road

detached of tremendous character that I part modernised in recent years but significant FURTHER POTENTIAL. Many' period features remain including two ma 'arts & crafts' style fireplaces, panelled other original joinery, lotty ceilings, accommodation includes imposing receps stiting prom with bay dining room, kitche cellars (with further potential), gallery on, to double bedrooms, upgraded batthroom we double bedrooms, upgraded batthroom we

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An ENLARGED, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached in

heated & double glazed semi detached in relatively short/quiet cul de sac on periphery of Bramford Estate and providing some potential. Accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room with patio doors, pantry, enlarged RECENTLY UPGRADED kitchen

with a fine range of units incorporating oven, hob & extractor. Three bedrooms, bathroom, substantial CONTRACTOR'S GARAGE (19ft x 9'1"), garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Dimmocks Avenue

Himley Road

Situated in an established residential location, convenient for local amenities, this three bedroom, majority uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated detached home is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen with a range of unites, three bedrooms, bathroom, block paved driveway. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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UPPER GORNAL

Roundhouse Road

Enjoying an open aspect to the front, this traditional style, uPVC double glazed (vast

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Townsend Avenue

IOWNSend AVenue
A comparatively spacious, conscientiously
maintained, Freehold, gas centrally heated
& mostly uPVC double glazed semi
detached with potential, ideally situated
within reasonable walking distance of
Sedgley's Bull Ring, and all associated
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PROPERTY AUCTION

41 FRASER STREET, BILSTON



Well located Mid Terrace for modernisation

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77B STAFFORD STREET, WILLENHALL



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Close to

Guide: £50,000/£60,000

A traditional, freehold, gas centrally heated inter-war semi detached of character and providing significant potential. Conveniently situated within walking distance of bus/rait transport routes, shops, schools etc., the accommodation includes porch, reception hall, partry, lounge with bay, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms (two with extensive range of fitted wardrobes), bathroom, garage, delightful secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 1092 880888 traditional style, uPVC double glazed (vast majority), gas centrally heated semi detached home is situated in an established residential location and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, stiting/dining room, kitchen, side porch, three bedrooms, bathroom, separate w.c. & low maintenance front & rear gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888 246 BIRMINGHAM NEW ROAD, LANESFIELD Well presented 3 bed Detached, Gas CH, vehicular access via Lane Road



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Langstone Road

ted in an established residentia Situated in an established residential location, this well presented, modern style, three bedroomed semi-detached properly may be of particular interest to young families or first time buyers. With uPVC double glazing and a gas central heating system, accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining room, re-fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, shower room, driveway, burglar alarm, and a pleasant rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

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Minehead Road

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- Two reception roor
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1 CHAPEL WALK 0/A £100,000

- LOWER GORNAL r three bedroom detached house
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 Three bedrooms, Separate lounge & dining roor Refitted bathroom & kitchen
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FAIRVIEW PARK



DIBDALE ROAD WEST

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DIBDALE ROAD WEST

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BALMORAL VIEW

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THORNLEIGH

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TO LET



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A four bactoron detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge with an attractive freplace, a dining room with French doors opening onto the rear garden, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs we, a master bedroom en suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden.

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STRATHERN DRIVE

three bedroom mid terraced home which is arranged on three floors and briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining kitchen, a conservatory, a utility room, a guest cloakroom, three bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a

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Audi's new A6 is a perfect example of this. There's a good chance you'll remember the last-generation car: it was a popular beast, particularly in highly practical Sportback form.

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As a middleweight in the executive sector it was bang on the money, so why the need for a new one?
Time, and indeed the competition, waits for no-one in this kind of market, so to counter the recently-introduced BMW 5-Series and the still-young Mercedes-Benz E-Class, Audi has wheeled out the third chapter in the A6 story.

One glance is all you'll need to recognise that it's an A6: no current owner is going to be shocked by its appearance, though you'd be forgiven for mistaking one for its bigger brother, the smarter but not vulgar.

A8. Time and effort has clearly

A8. With a more prominent grille and wider front wheelarches the front of the A6 has considerably more presence, and looks like a more muscle bound machine. There's a gentle sweep towards the rear and a neat tail end, and the details are finished with the precision and attention to detail you would expect. It looks

smarter but not vulgar.
Time and effort has clearly been spent on aerodynamics, which reflects the other big factor in the A6's rebirth: Efficiency. Every new car must offer a significant improvement in terms of emissions and fuel economy compared to its predecessor, and the A6 does so regardless of the powerplant. Grabbing the headlines is the 2.0-litre TDI model, likely



to be the UK's best seller. Although it does without the Although it does without the quattro four-wheel drive system that delivers superior traction and handling, the more modest 175bhp and 280lb.ft of manages fine without. Not that it is a slowcoach by any means 0-62mph takes a scant 8.7 seconds and the top speed of 141mph in more than sufficient. But this front-wheel drive

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How the drama unfolded

Four minutes: After a ense, scrappy start to the tense, scrappy start to the a factor of the scrappy and the scrappy start to the a Albion attack down the left as Thomas feeds the overlapping Shorey. His cross to the far post is not held cleanly by Hennessey but Odemwingie cannot get the loose ball on target.

9: A promising Albion move breaks down and Wolves break with Jarvis tricking his way past Jara on the Baggies' right touchline.

His cross is cleared as far as Henry 30 yards from goal, but his ambitious shot bal-loons high into the Smethwick End.

13: Jarvis has more joy against Jara, sneaking past the Baggies full-back and crossing to beyond the penalty spot, where O'Hara is waiting. But the loanee sends a difficult header over the crossbar.

20: Wolves squander possession at a throwin and a

20: Wolves squander possession at a throw-in and a lucky break off Fortune falls for Thomas. He drives at the heart of the defence and spreads play to Odemwingie, whose cross is deflected out for a corner. 21: Brunt delivers a corner way beyond the far post for Olsson, who leaps highest but sends a header too close to Hennessey in the visitors' goal.

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30: Dorrans forces another Albion corner which is delivered from the left by Brunt and met at the far post by Tamas, who sends his header wide of the target.

32: Albion recover a loose ball and Shorey sends a teasing cross into the danger zone, where Scharner and the Wolves defender deflects it just beyond his own far it just beyond his own far it just beyond his own far

40: GOAL - 0-1 O'Hara. 40: GOAL - 0-1 O'Hara.
Tamas is penalised for a foul on Doyle 20 yards from the Albion goal. Milijas surprises the Baggies by squaring the free-kick to O'Hara, who bends an unstoppable first-time shot with his left foot into the top corner past the despairing Myhill.

45: Wolves cut out a cross-field nass by Brint and Doyle

45: Wolves cut our a cross-field pass by Brunt and Doyle advances to the edge of the Albion area but his path to ogal is blocked by a fabulous tackle from Olsson. HALF-TIME: 0-1

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51: Tamas fails to deal with
a high ball just inside his box
and it drops for Jarvis who
only has Myhill to beat. The
Wolves winger's shot beats

Wolves winger's shot beats the Albion keeper, only for his low effort to creep beyond the far post.

55: Albion counter-attack through Odemwingie, who feeds Fortune to his left. The striker beats Stearman and hits a shot at goal that is turned into the side-netting by Hennessey.

56: Brunt's cross from the

56: Brunt's cross from the left is spilled by the flying Hennessey and drops for Odemwingie, who sees his goal-bound shot blocked by Elokobi.

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58: Fortune's cross from the left travels beyond the far post to Scharner, whose right-footed drive flies just over the bar.

63: A glorious chance goes begging for Albion as Fortune flicks a high ball into Odenwingle, who returns the favour with a neat return pass. Fortune is free inside the six-yard box but he falls to control the ball and it runs to safety.

71: Zubar concedes a corner on the Albion left and Brunt delivers to the near post. Olsson gets in front of two Wolves defenders and directs a glancing header on target but Jarvis is there to head off the line.

84: Wolves break down the left and Doyle fires a gross twerds the near post.

the left and Doyle fires a cross towards the near post, where the stumbling Tamas cuts it out and just escapes

cuts it out and just escapes an embarrassing own-goal as the ball goes just inches past the near post.

90+2: GOAL – 1-1 VELA. A left-wing cross is cleared as far as Morrison, whose 20-yard shot is parried by Hennessey for Vela to force in from a couple of yards out.



Hawthorns hero.... Carlos Vela (left) pounces on the loose ball to lash home a stoppage-time equaliser. Pictures: Alan Evans and Steve Leath



Last-gasp Vela strike denies Wolves the win

CARLOS VELA is tipped for a decorated career. But if he achieves nothing else

in football, a page in Albion folklore will forever be his.

The 21-year-old can add his name to Darren Bradley's, Bob Taylor's and Kevin Phillips' in the annals of modern Baggies history.

Because, whatever he does for Albion, Arsenal or Mexico, one decisive stoppage-time

Because, whatever he does for Albion, Arsenal or Mexico, one decisive stoppage-time touch in front of the Smethwick End on Sunday earned Vela the status of Black Country derby hero – for the striped half of the region, at least.

Only in May will the full value to the Baggies of his predatory 92nd-minute strike become clear. But for more than 23,000 Albion fans packed inside a crackling Hawthorns, Vela's last-gasp effort felt like the most important goal of their season. If Roy Hodgson fails to halt the slide towards relegation then the starlet's dramatic finish will at least provide a crumb of comfort in a miserable summer, writes

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And if the new Baggies boss turns around his side's form and retains their Premier League status, the joyous moment vesterday might become viewed as a vital act in a glorious escape.

Irrespective of any wider concerns, however, it mattered hugely yesterday.

give way to rational assessment of Hodgson's 'to do' list before the days ahead, the veteran the days ahead, the v

The second-half signs were encouraging on that score, too. For long periods they pinned their visitors back as they chased the equaliser they needed to avoid a first Hawthorns derby defeat since And, had Marc-Antoine

Fortune's composure in the box matched his industry outside it, they might have been spared the stomach-churning finale that was only ended when Vela struck deep into stoppage time. The Frenchman might have

The Frenchman might have done better with a tight, angled shot that Wayne Hennessey palmed into the side-netting. And he should have buried a glorious chance that he failed to control after a neat one-two with Peter Odemwingie inside the Wolves area.

Wolves area.

Had Fortune converted, perhaps the Baggies could have seized the initiative and claimed the victory to deliver Wolves a crushing blow. But they will never know.

never know.

Instead it was left to Vela to pounce on Hennessey's fumble and earn the Baggies the point that was the least they deserved—and secure his enduring place in Hawthorns history.



Christophe Berra and Karl Henry join in with the celebrations after Jamie O'Hara's goal



Peter Odemwingie holds off Karl Henry



Odemwingie's shot is blocked by Kevin Foley



No way past Stephen Ward for Albion's Peter Odemwingie

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After a tough 120 minutes on Wednesday might against Westfields, it was back to league action against a side that had recently recorded a League double over Coalville Town.

The visitors started brightly and flashed a couple of balls across the Tipton box in the opening exchanges; Michael William had the first chance of the game when he got on the end of Jason Ramsay's flick-on but William poked his shot the wrong side of the post.

Tipton came into it and Danny Campbell angled his header over the top.

Strike partner Josef Jakab went even closer when he got on the end of the excellent Marcus Jackson's free-kick but Coleshill keeper Ian Kimberley did well to save.

Livewire

A fine save from home keeper Matt Sargeant kept things all square on the half-hour mark; Chris Gummery cut

Chris Gummery cut inside to shoot for the top corner but Sargeant was equal to the challenge. The breakthrough came six minutes before the break and again livewire Jackson was involved after Campbell had worked the ball to him. Jackson's cross wasn't cleared and broke to Bate who was on hand to convert from close range.

to convert from close range.

The second half continued to be a tight affair with little to choose between the sides.

Coleshill threw everything forward in search of a late equaliser and had the occasional opportunity, but ultimately to no avail.

Gregg's treble

Salisbury hill is just too steep for Yeltz



Ben Joyce beats Tim Clarke to put Salisbury 2-0 ahead

JAKE REID'S hat-trick piled on the misery for Halesowen as new league leaders Salisbury won at the Grove. Veteran goalkeeper Tim Clarke returned to the Yeltz line-up at the age of 45 and he turned back the clock to make several excellent saves and keep the score down.

Just four minutes in Clarke started with a fine blocking save with his legs from Reid, before Halesowen responded with an Anthony Bruce shot two minutes later, writes David Johnson.

But Clarke was left standing in goal when Reid took advantage of poor defending to hammer home from the edge of the area and give the Whites a ninth minute lead.

Busy Clarke then turned the ball away from Adam Kelly in the gertips to keep out Bruce's 18-yard 11th minute and collected Ryan Tafazolli's header four minutes Reid then completed his hattrick by stroking home his second JAKE REID'S hat-trick piled on the misery for Hale-

Tatazoll's header four minutes later.

The Yeltz nearly snatched a surprise leveller when substitute Rory May's lob almost caught out goalkeeper Tommy Smith, but he managed to back-pedal and tip the ball away under his crossbar.

Saiisbury doubled their lead in the 27th minute when Reid played a slide-rule pass through for Joyce who rolled the ball beyond Clarke.

Penalty

Soon after Reid made it 3-0 from the penalty spot after home central defender Luke Adams handled in the area, with the hosts proving no match for the ambitious visitors.





Halesowen adopt a hands-on approach to defending

Jones hat-trick in best effort yet by Hawks

Halas Hawks 3 Erdington Ladies 0

HALAS HAWKS LADIES gave one of their best performances of the season to beat Erdington Ladies in the Birmingham County Womens League.

This was a "six pointer" with both teams looking to become runnersup, but Halas took hold of the game from the start.

Kicking up the slope at their Windsor High School pitch, they were 2-0 up at the break thanks to a brace of goals from Jodie Jones.

The second half saw them threaten on numerous occasions before Jones completed her hat-trick.

Erdington hit the bar from the penalty spot.

spot.

Girls League

Gornal 1 Halas Hawks 3

Halas Hawks under-13s reached the league cup final with a confident display.
Goals came from Sophie Bloun, Megan Hipkiss and Amy Blakemore, who continued her impressive form after returning from a long-term injury.

Boys League

Halas Hawks West 3 Kingsley 0

The under-nines West won their first home game of the season thanks to a debut hat-trick from Cameron Russell.
Halas took control from the off, Russell opening his account after Kingsley failed to clear a corner.

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His second was a fine strike from just past the halfway line and he grabbed the third by latching onto a rebound after Joshua Wyman's effort was parried.

Halas Hawks East SC SCOIts 3

The under-nines East fell a goal behind and then lost keeper Josh Smith to injury.

Halas equalised through Rickio Fairin-Hall but then conceded again.

Once more Fairin-Hall did the trick but Colts scored again before Charlie Greening had the last word.

Halas Hawks 3 Rio Saints Juniors 4

Alate Rio Saints goal condemned Halas under-12s West to defeat after they had fought back to level from 3-1 down.

Halas trailed by two but pulled one back through Nathan Foley just before half-time. Rio extended their advantage before two Dylan Keeling goals brought the teams level.

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Halas under-13s put on a fine show in
the first half at Withymoor and may well
have been puzzled to find themselves a
goal down at the interval.
However, the second half saw a change

infortunes with Dominic Hipkiss grabbing a brace and Liam Holmes rounding off a good win with a third goal.
Halas player of the match went to goal-keeper Charlie Bagley who put on a fine performance.

spiking the Guns

thechronicle

GREEN Machine moved to the top of the Brierley Hill six a side Premier League as Josh Lockhart led them home 11-0 against Young Guns. Things were much tighter in division one, but Clinically Insane inched away from the basement after a 1-1 draw with Outer Milan. Wolves FFC got off the mark in the Wolverhampton six a side Monday league as Dudley Lions were beaten 8-2. FC Clarn are the only team to have won both games and beat Sparkys R Us FC.

Sunday League Drop

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Sunday League Drop
Outs will be staying in
the Wolverhampton
Tuesday league for a long
time to come and moved
top this week with a
stunning 12-2 victory
over Only Here For The
Beer.

Jay Timmins scored four in that game and was one of three players to stand out.

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James Dickinson also
notched a quartet as The
Legends beat Coneygree
FC 8-2, while Scott Bates
grabbed a hat-trick as
The New Inn took a point

Heathens set to name their final two s. exclusive T-shirts featuring the 1983 corrections of Strikes Speedway. Top reference to the strikes speedway. Top reference size of Strikes Strikes Speedway. Top reference size of Strikes Strikes

Reid then completed his hat-trick by stroking home his second penalty after Meakin-Richards brought down Kelly.

Gregg's treble lifts Causeway a made and the penalty spot after home causeway 3 Alvechurch 0

VILLA star Gabriel Agbonlahor's brother Charisma was in the Alliance match between the niegibbours.

But it was home star Craig Gregg who caught the eye with a hat-trick as Causeway eased to victory.

When the penalty spot after home caused the penalty spot after home hadded in the area, with the hosts proving no match for the ambitious visitors.

With the game already over, the second half proved a tepid affair as a both worse fell the first ham building for the new National Pottinger will announce the last two spots. He said: "We think it's a nice gesture to tell the fines at our function on Friday night security sec







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Dudley on the attack during their victory



The packs prepare to do battle in the scrum. Pictures: Gordon Bannatyne



Rampaging Saxons put their rivals to the sword

Stourbridge Saxons 27 Rosslyn Park 22 A DAZZLING second-half display help steer the Saxons to a scintillating victory over their London visitors

And although a late try from the visitors earned them a losing bonus, there were plenty of positives from Stourbridge whose four-try

of positives from Stourbridge v haul ensured maximum points. The sides traded penalties with Park's Ross Laidlaw slotting over after three minutes only for this to be cancelled out by Chris Surman urites David Lawrence.

Laidlaw then kicked three more penalties to open

penalties to open up a nine-point lead that also saw penalties to open up a nine-point lead that also saw referee Andrew Jackson lose patience with the home side and send centre Charlie Hayter to the sin bin as the Saxons repeatedly offended at the breakdown.

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But it was 14-man Stourbridge who claimed the opening try late in the half when singer Sam Baker skipped inside his opposite number before darting 15 metres to the line. The second half saw the home side dominate from whistle with powns for the sax of the s

dominate from the whistle with powerful runs from Tom Jarvis and Liam Wordley signalling their intent.

and Liam Wordley signalling their intent.
Four minutes into the half, a penalty was kicked to the corner and when Thomas gathered the ball at the resulting line-out he was driven over the line to hand his side a slender one-point lead.
The Stourbridge pressure was relentless and Will Betts dived in for at yon 55 minutes, Jamie Hearn converting for a 20-12 lead.
Park's Jon Barrett was binned following a trip but the visitors were back to their full quota by the time Hayter ran in the fourth.
It was the score of the game, starting deep in the Saxons half when



Will Betts dived in for a try against Park

Hearn took off on an arcing 40-metre run.

He fed Baker on the right who in turn linked with Hayter who sped clear to the line, Hearn

kicking the extras.
All the visitors had to show for their second-half efforts was another Laidlaw penalty.
But they finally crossed the line for a converted the line for a converted the line for a converted the line for

verted try with the final play of the game when Laidlaw found space wide on the left. Not even that late blip could take the shine off a sizzling Stourbridge display.

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BOWN THE HERO WITH LAST KICK

Carolians fall short by just one point

Kidderminster C 13

Bedworth 14 KIDDERMINSTER an-ticipated a tough after-noon against a Bedworth side who had hammered them 39-3 before Christ-

But the Carolians are very hard to beat at home, and eventually succumbed by just a

succumbed by just a single, frustrating point.
Driving close-quarter forward play in the last 20 minutes enabled Bedworth to protect their slender advantage. It wasn't pretty, but it worked. Kidderminster opened

Kidderminster opened strongly but the first time Bedworth got their hands on the ball they made good use of an overlap to move the ball right and score wide out, writes Martin Easton.

KCs shrugged off this setback and 10 minutes later great work by young flanker Mike Protheroe retrieved a lost scrum to set up a backs' move and full-back Ben Stanier timed his run perfectly before sending over left wing Nick Martin in the

Three minutes later fly-half Andy McLellan chipped and won the race for a 10-5 lead.

Three second-half penalties for the visitors, against one for McLellan, gave Bedworth the Bedworth the

GARETH BOWN'S last kick of the game penalty gave Dudley Kingswinford a dramatic victory over Whitchurch at Heathbrook.

over Whitchurch at Heathbrook.

The league leaders were pushed all the way by the Shropshire outfit, but maintained their 100 per cent record this season with a 19th straight victory.

DK were forced into four changes for the game, with influential player cock holds.

Dudley Kingswinford 36 Whitchurch 33

four changes for the game, with influential player-coach Jon Higgins absent due to a rib injury.

Ben Connett, Tommy Huggins, Luke Green, wood and Rich Kelley all came into the side and DK made a stuggish start, writes Peter Stinton.

Danny Nicholas sent over two early penaltics for the visitors who found themselves 6-0 in front after 14 minutes.

After several spurned opportunities DK scored opportunities DK scored their opening try through the ropening try through the ropening try through the opportunities DK scored their opening try through the opportunities DK scored their opening try through the opportunities DK scored their form close range, doing the honours from the conversion.

Swinging

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Swinging
The lead didn't last send Davis away was leading though with Stefan Shillingford's attempt to send Davis away was more considered by the predatory Teare who raced way for a converted try. But less than a minute later the league leaders provided by the send to star of the lead.

With the game swingting from end to end DK edged back in front thanks to a Stefan Thory try.

But Whitchurch earned a 20-14 half-time lead when Andy Oaken wet nover in the corner, with Nicholas adding a superb touchline conversion.

Nicholas missed a penalty at the start of the

Carlos Vela enjoys his late, late show at The Hawthorns after Jamie O'Hara had put Wolves ahead.

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